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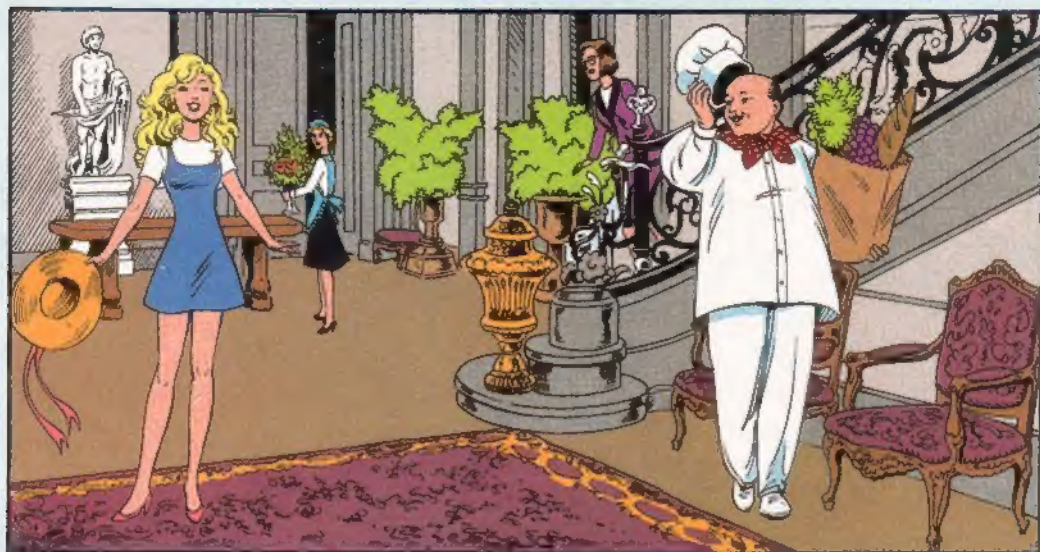


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# BARBIE



## MYSTERY MANSION

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of a country castle, join Barbie on a  
fabulous French adventure!

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# Barbie in MANSION MYSTERY

## PART 1: Fit For A Princess

**BARBIE,  
BARBIE,  
BARBIE!**

**ARE YOU  
SITTING  
DOWN,  
DAHLING?**

WILSHIRE • KALLBERG



**WELL, NOT  
EXACTLY,  
EILEEN!**

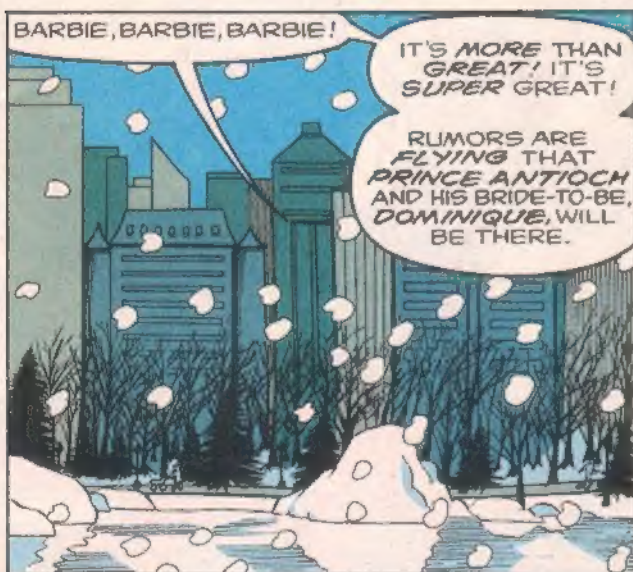
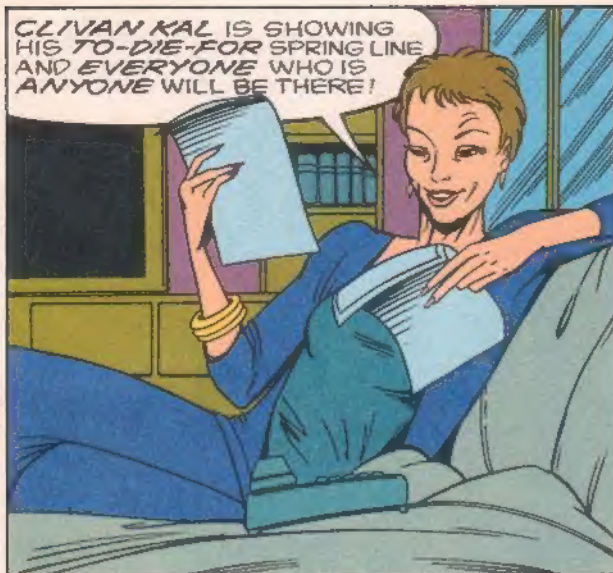
**GREAT  
NEWS!  
YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
PARIS!**



**PARIS?  
I LOVE  
PARIS!  
WHEN?**









CLIVAN,  
BARBIE LOOKS  
DIVINE IN  
YOUR  
DESIGN!

THANK YOU,  
LUCY. I JUST  
HOPE PRINCE ANTIOCH  
CHOOSSES ONE OF  
MY BRIDAL GOWNS  
FOR HIS PRINCESS!

THEN MY DESIGN  
WILL BE ON  
EVERY MAGAZINE  
COVER IN  
THE COUNTRY!

OOH  
LA  
LA!

TELL  
CLIVAN KAL  
DOMINIQUE WILL  
TRY *THAT*  
BRIDAL GOWN.

OUI, YOUR  
MAJESTY!

BARBIE!  
OVER  
HERE!

WHIRR

TRÈS  
BELLE!\*

CLIK

CLIK

CLIK

BARBIE  
IS WEARING  
BLAH BLAH  
BLAH BLAH...

SUPERB!

MAGNIFIQUE!

BRAVO!

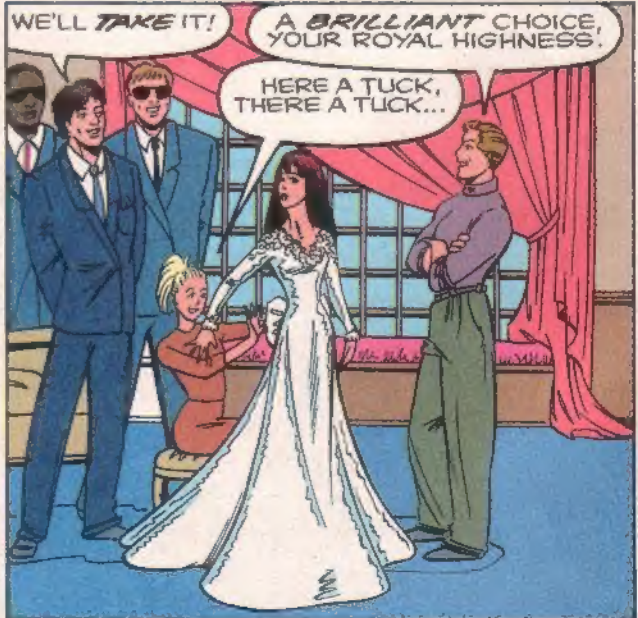
WHEN I GET  
MARRIED, I WANT  
*THAT* GOWN!

OOOH!

\*VERY BEAUTIFUL  
IN FRENCH.--  
Hildy



AND SOON...





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Shape!

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page so that  
the arrows meet.  
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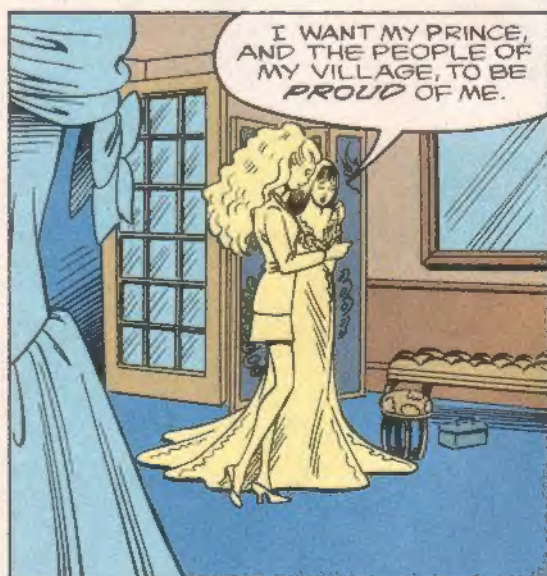
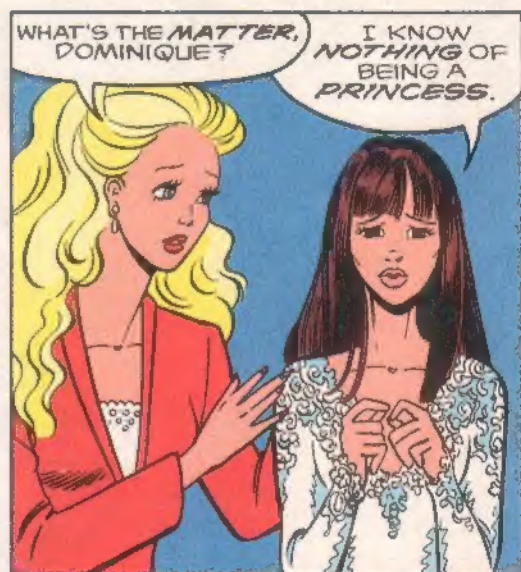


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B →

← B







SO MUCH HAS  
HAPPENED  
SO FAST!

"ONE DAY I WAS WALKING IN  
THE BEAUTIFUL GREEN FIELDS  
BACK HOME WHEN..."

"...A HANDSOME  
MAN CAME RIDING  
BY ON  
A MAGNIFICENT  
HORSE!"



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WATCHED THE HANDSOME  
MAN FEED HIS HORSE..."

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IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!  
THEN..."

CONK!

OH, MY GOODNESS!

ARE  
YOU  
OKAY?

I AM NOW!  
WHO  
ARE YOU?

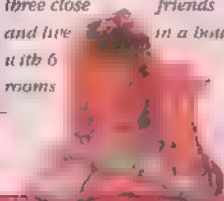
O O O O H H H!



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I am 4 years old and I have  
three close friends  
and live in a house  
with 6  
rooms*

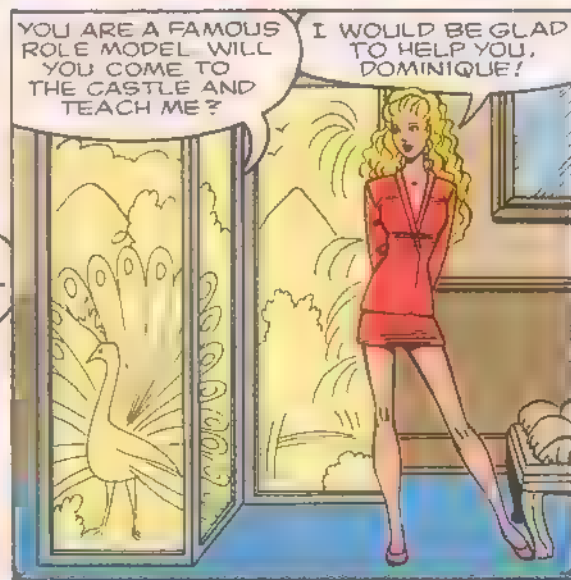
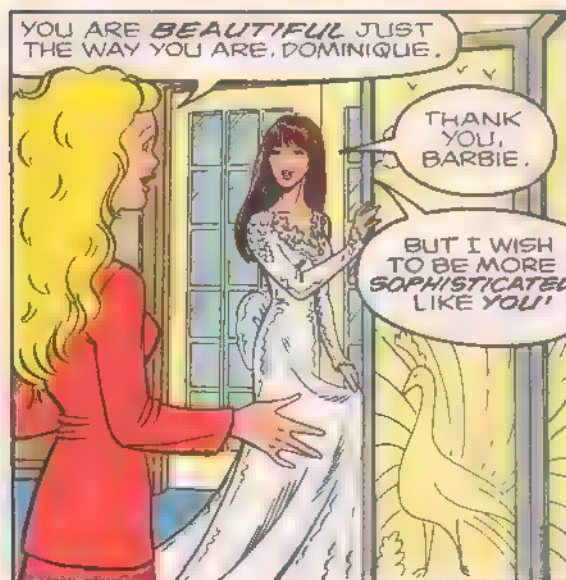
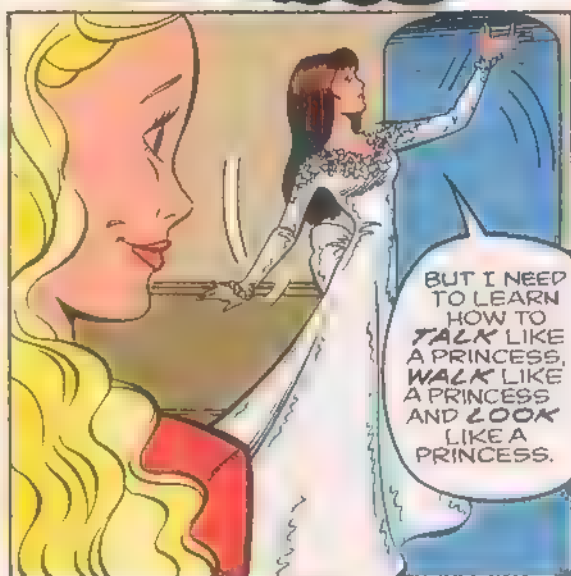
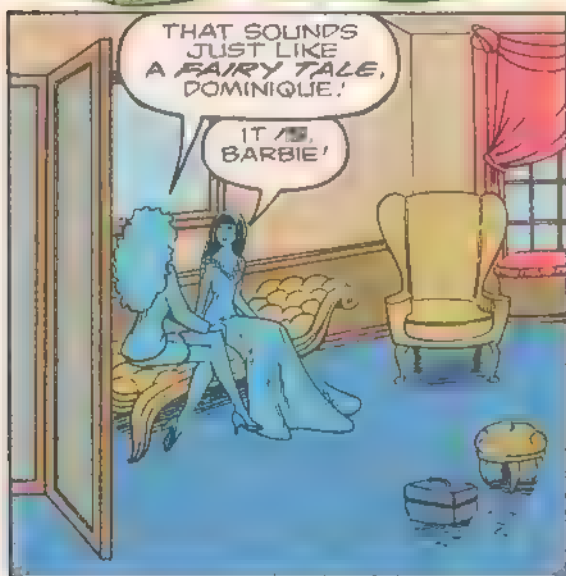
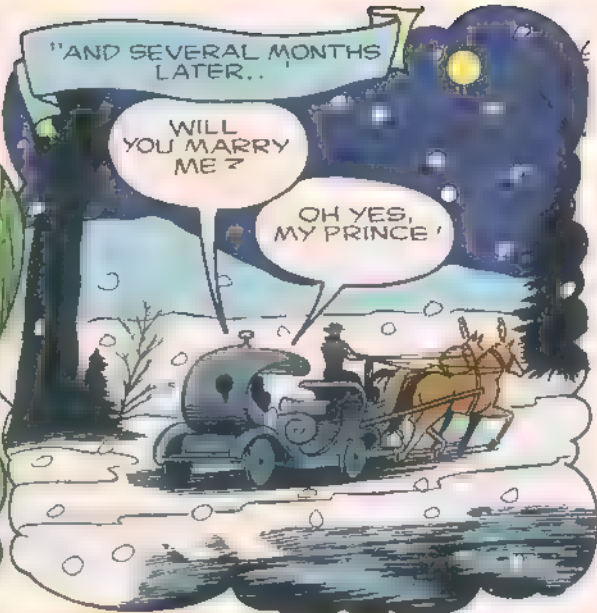


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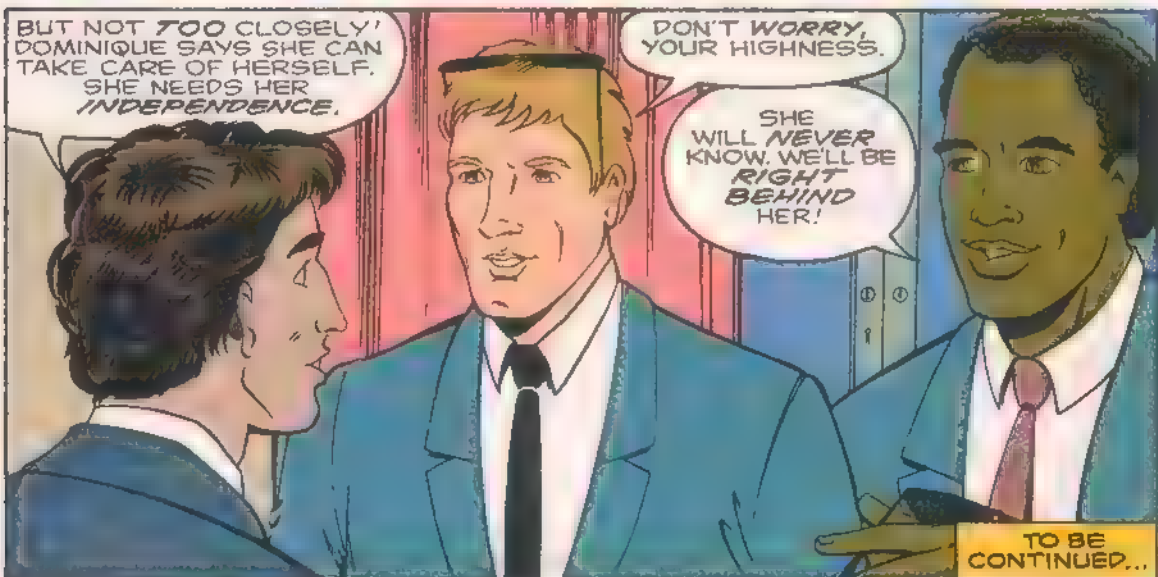
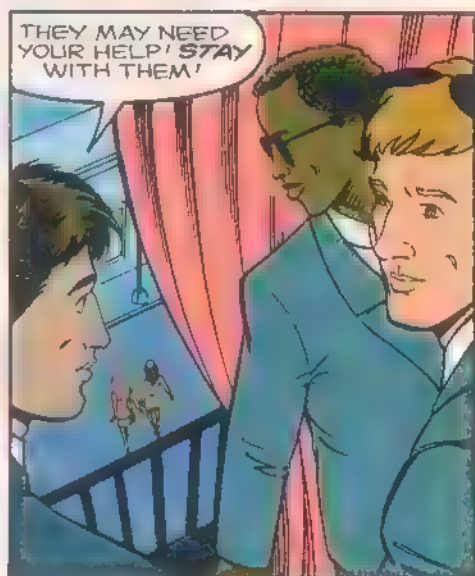
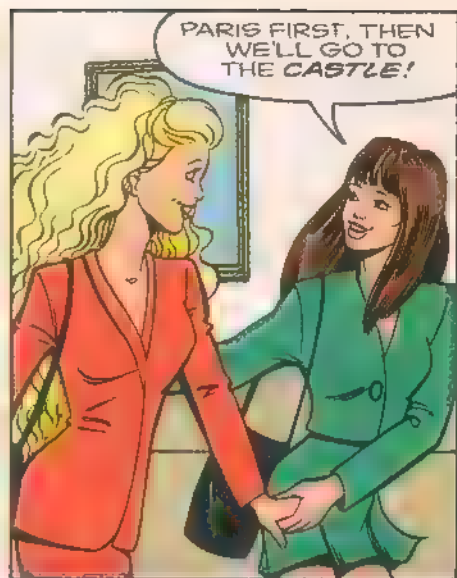
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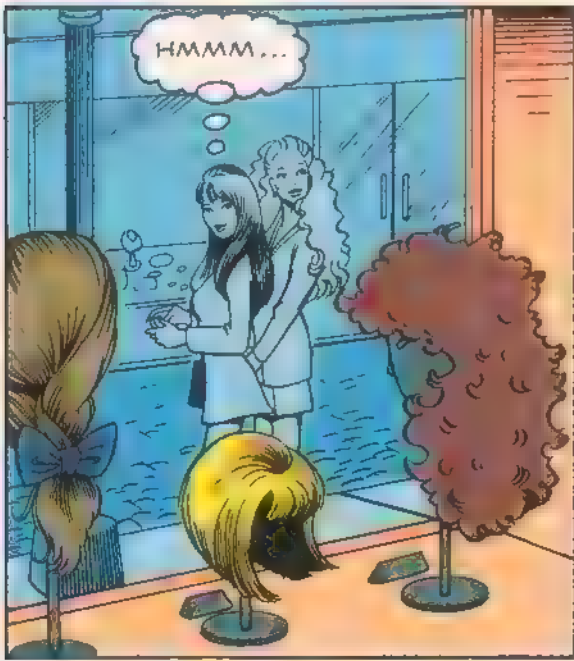


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SOLVE THE MYSTERY...

AND SEE IF YOU'VE WON.

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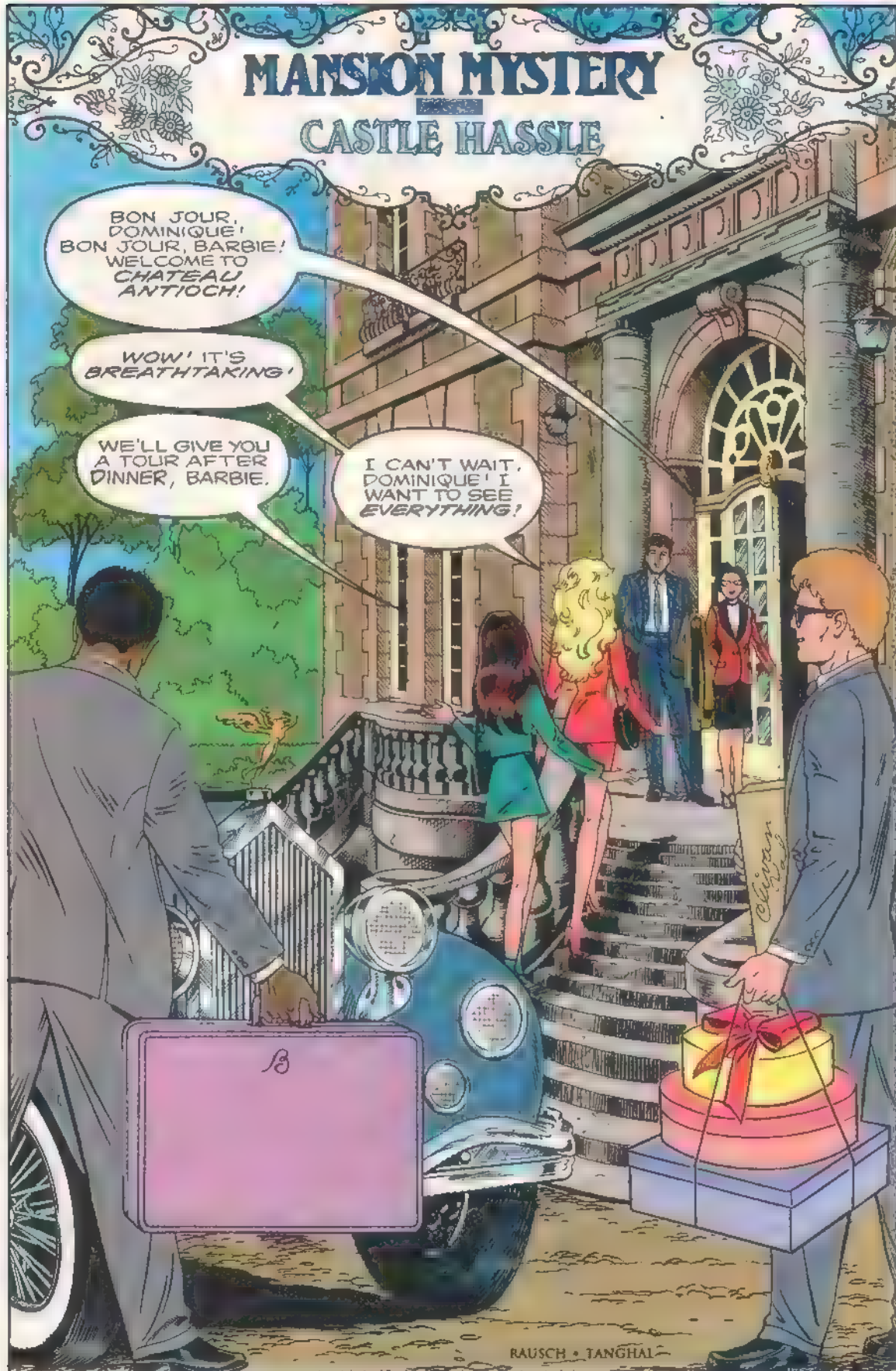
## CASTLE HASSLE

BON JOUR,  
DOMINIQUE!  
BON JOUR, BARBIE!  
WELCOME TO  
CHATEAU  
ANTIOCH!

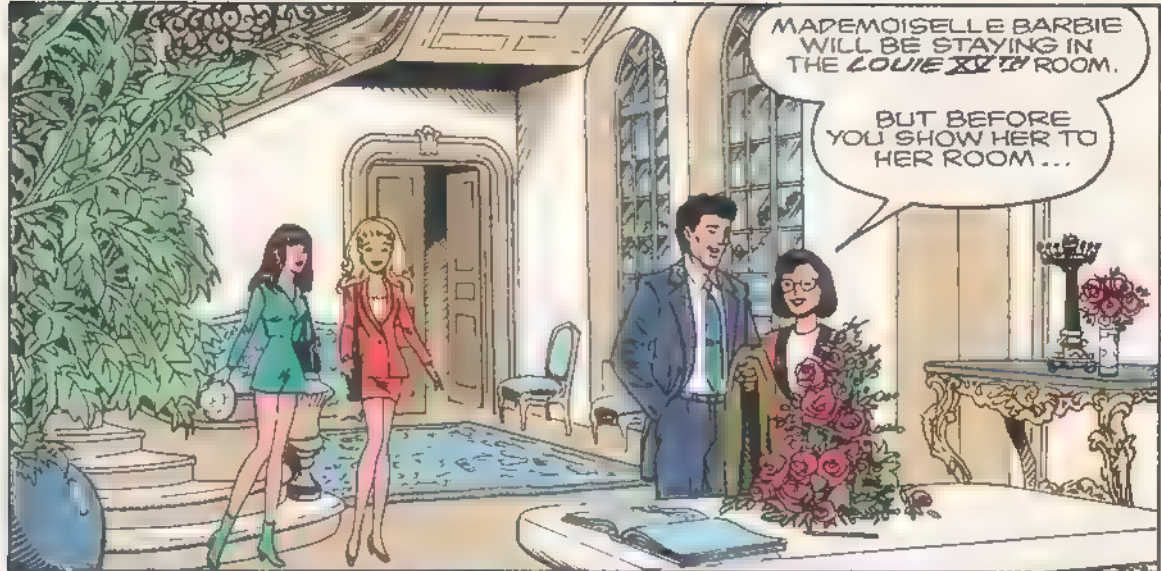
WOW! IT'S  
BREATHTAKING!

WE'LL GIVE YOU  
A TOUR AFTER  
DINNER, BARBIE.

I CAN'T WAIT,  
DOMINIQUE! I  
WANT TO SEE  
EVERYTHING!

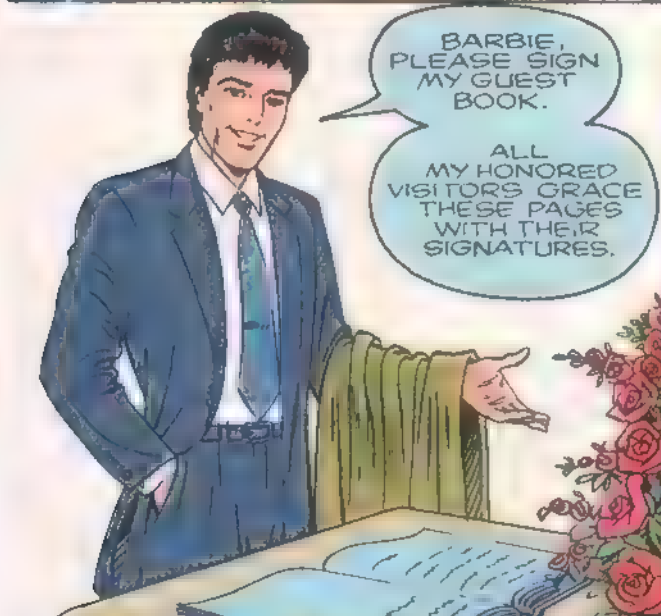






MADMOISELLE BARBIE  
WILL BE STAYING IN  
THE LOUISE XV<sup>TH</sup> ROOM.

BUT BEFORE  
YOU SHOW HER TO  
HER ROOM...



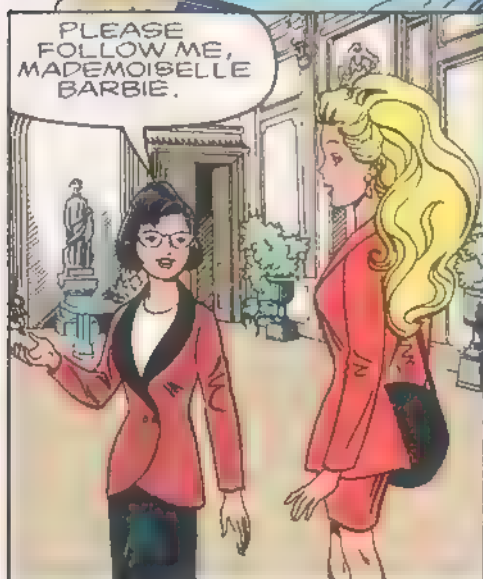
BARBIE,  
PLEASE SIGN  
MY GUEST  
BOOK.

ALL  
MY HONORED  
VISITORS GRACE  
THESE PAGES  
WITH THEIR  
SIGNATURES.

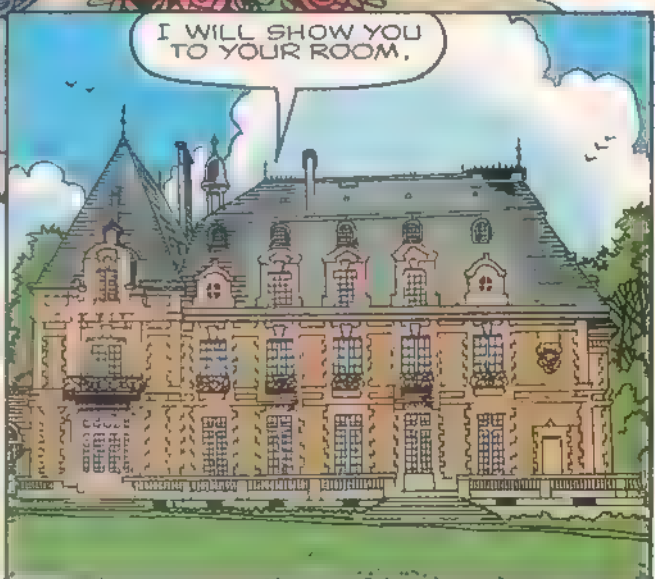


*Dominique and  
Prince Antioch  
I am so happy  
to be here!*  
*Barbie*

IT IS  
MY HONOR!

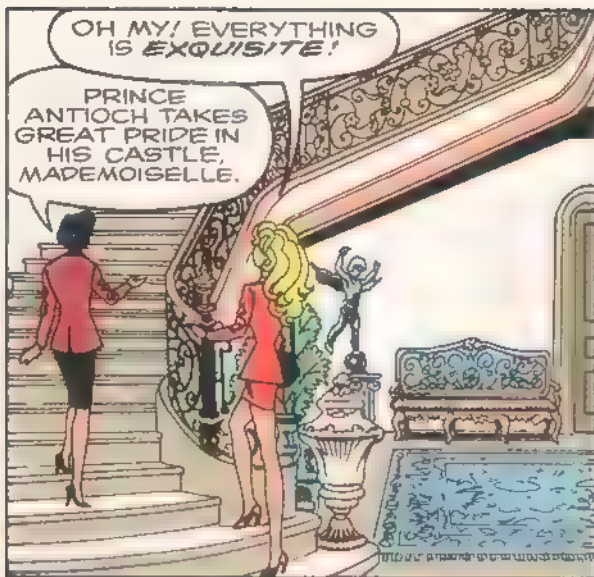


PLEASE  
FOLLOW ME,  
MADMOISELLE  
BARBIE.



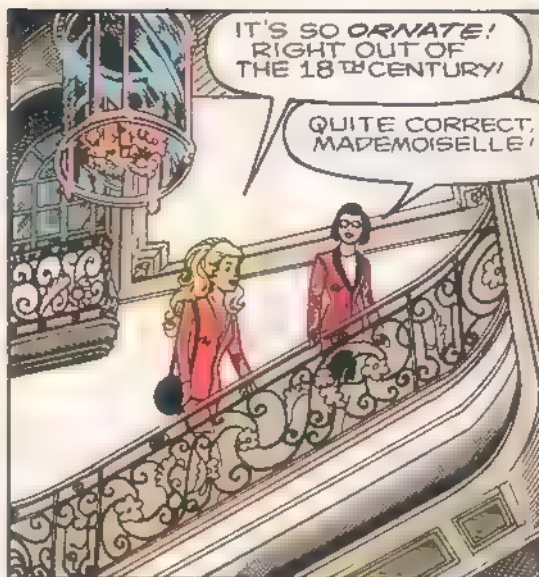
I WILL SHOW YOU  
TO YOUR ROOM.





OH MY! EVERYTHING IS *EXQUISITE*!

PRINCE ANTIOCH TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN HIS CASTLE, MADMOISELLE.



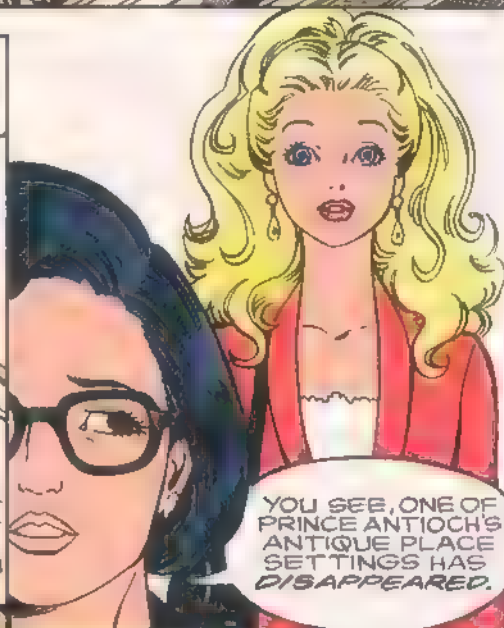
IT'S SO *ORNATE*! RIGHT OUT OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY!

QUITE CORRECT, MADMOISELLE!

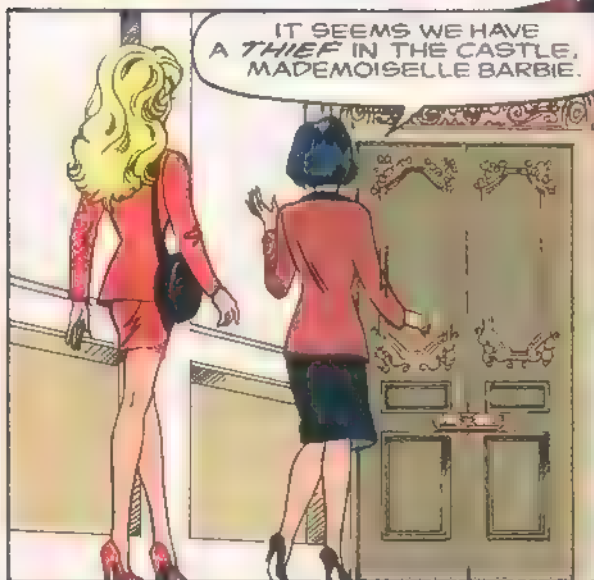


I DON'T WISH TO ALARM YOU, MADMOISELLE BARBIE...

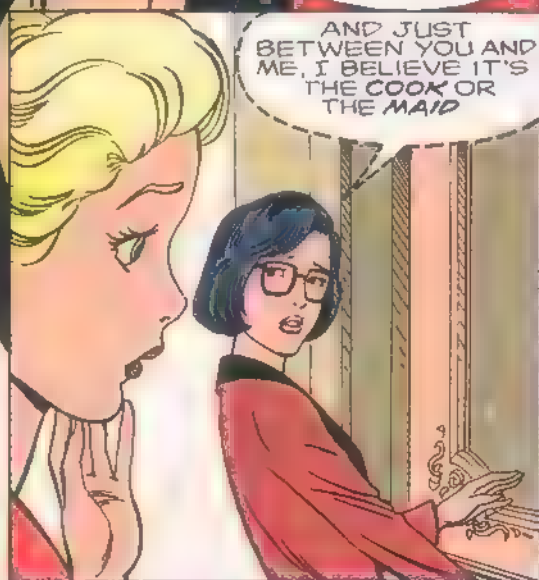
BUT I WOULD BE REMISS IN MY DUTIES IF I DIDN'T ALERT YOU TO A MOST PECULIAR OCCURRENCE IN THE CASTLE.



YOU SEE, ONE OF PRINCE ANTIOCH'S ANTIQUE PLACE SETTINGS HAS *DISAPPEARED*.



IT SEEMS WE HAVE A *THIEF* IN THE CASTLE, MADMOISELLE BARBIE.



AND JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, I BELIEVE IT'S THE *COOK* OR THE *MAID*



We'RE haPPy to aNnOuNCE that  
COOkiE-CRiSP now cONtains

# SPIDERS, VULTURES, SCORPIONS, OCTOpUS

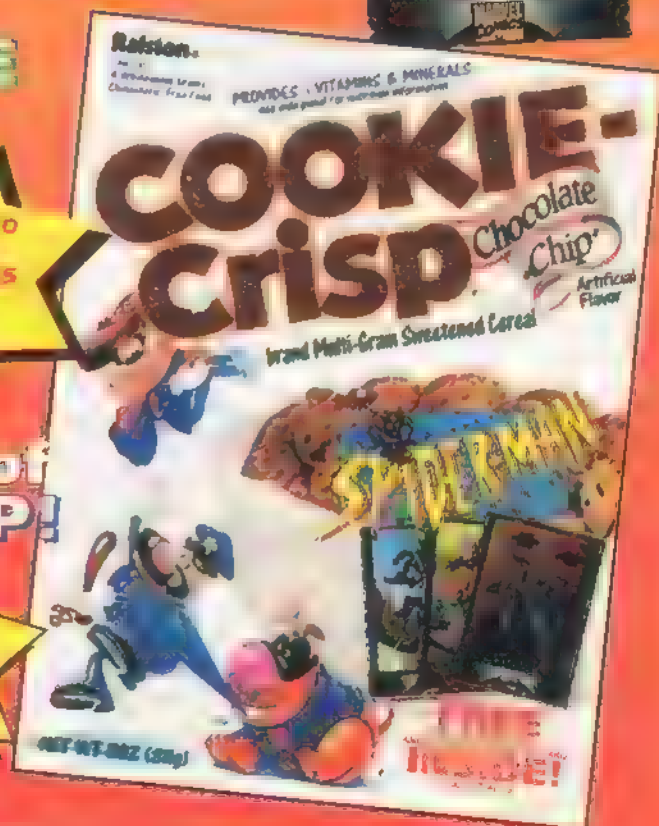
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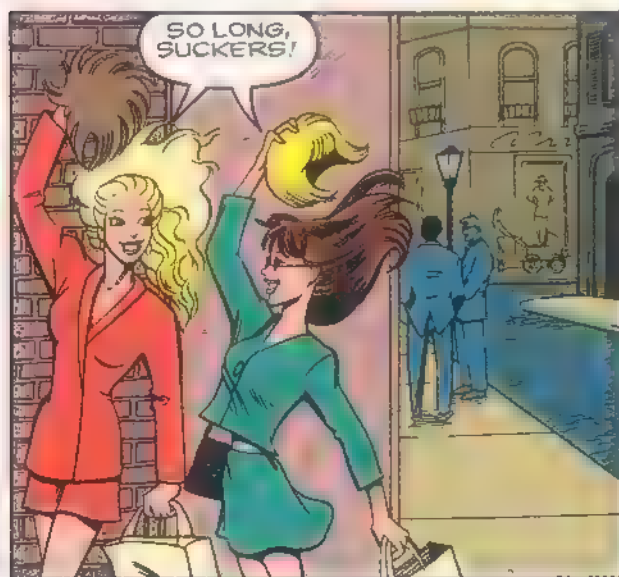
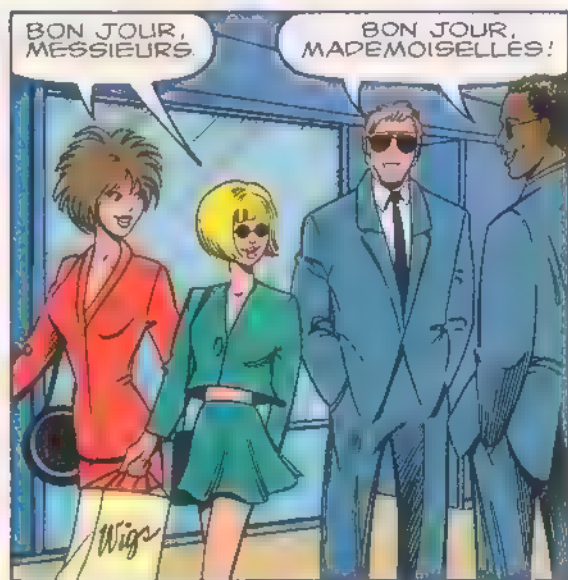
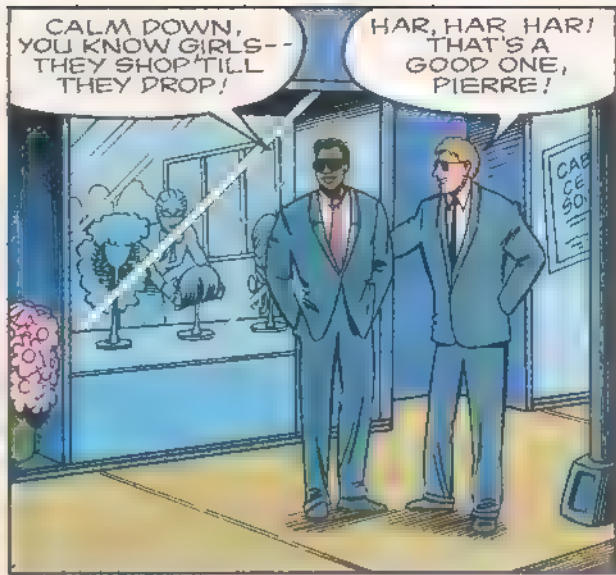
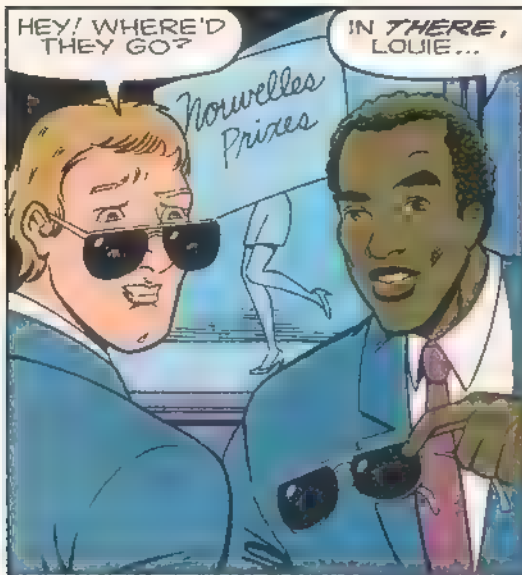
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I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THE EIFFEL TOWER, DOMINIQUE!

ME, TOO, BARBIE!

IT WAS BUILT FOR THE 1889 WORLD'S FAIR. THIS CAST IRON TOWER IS 984 FEET HIGH!

WHAT AN AWESOME VIEW OF PARIS!

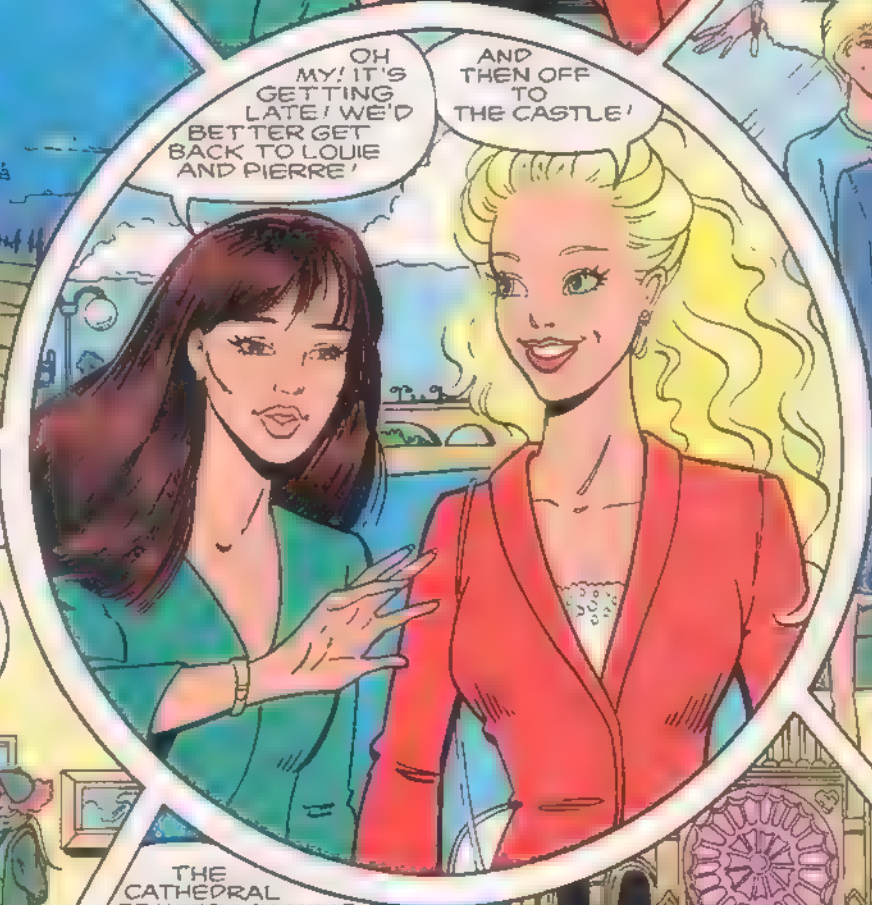
AND I CAN SEE MANY OF THE FASHIONABLE GIRLS OF THE CITY!

THE EIFFEL TOWER IS A GREAT LANDMARK! IT WASN'T TORN DOWN WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD'S FAIR!

LE CHIC HAS ALL THE LATEST FASHIONS, DOMINIQUE!

THESE SHOES WILL BE BEAUTIFUL WITH YOUR GOWN.

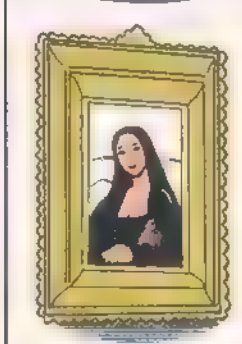
YOU MUST TRY THIS HAT WITH THE SUIT.



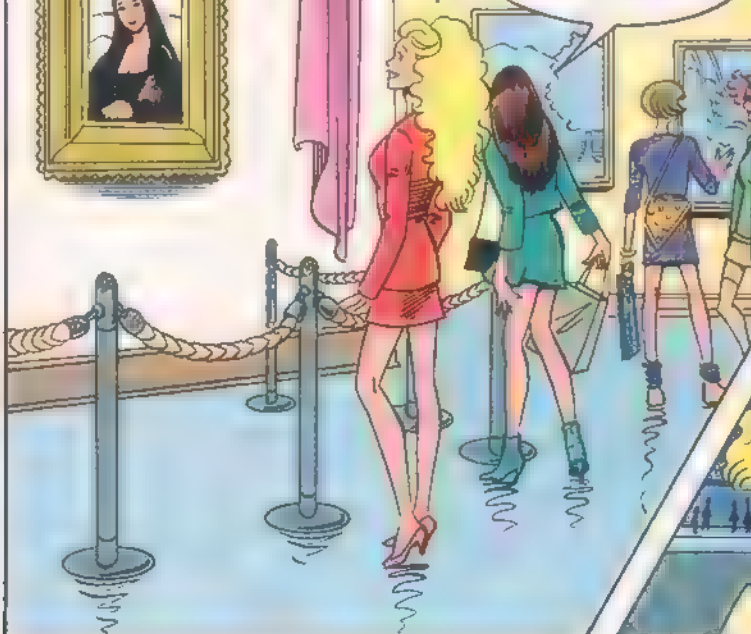
OH MY! IT'S GETTING LATE! WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO LOUIE AND PIERRE!

AND THEN OFF TO THE CASTLE!

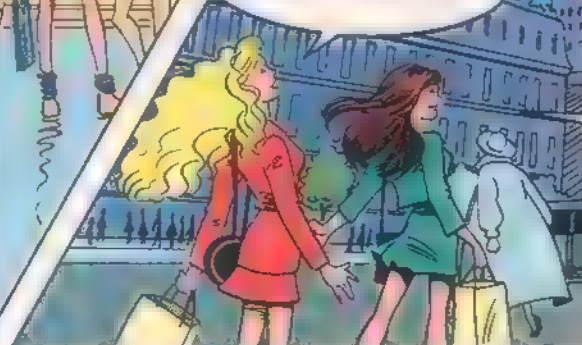
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PAINTING! THE MONA LISA WAS ONE OF LEONARDO DA VINCI'S FAVORITES! HE TOOK IT WITH HIM WHENEVER HE TRAVELED



THOSE GIRLS LOOK LIKE ARTISTS, BARBIE! THEY'RE VERY STYLISH!



THE CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME IS HUGE! AND LOOK AT THOSE ROSE WINDOWS!



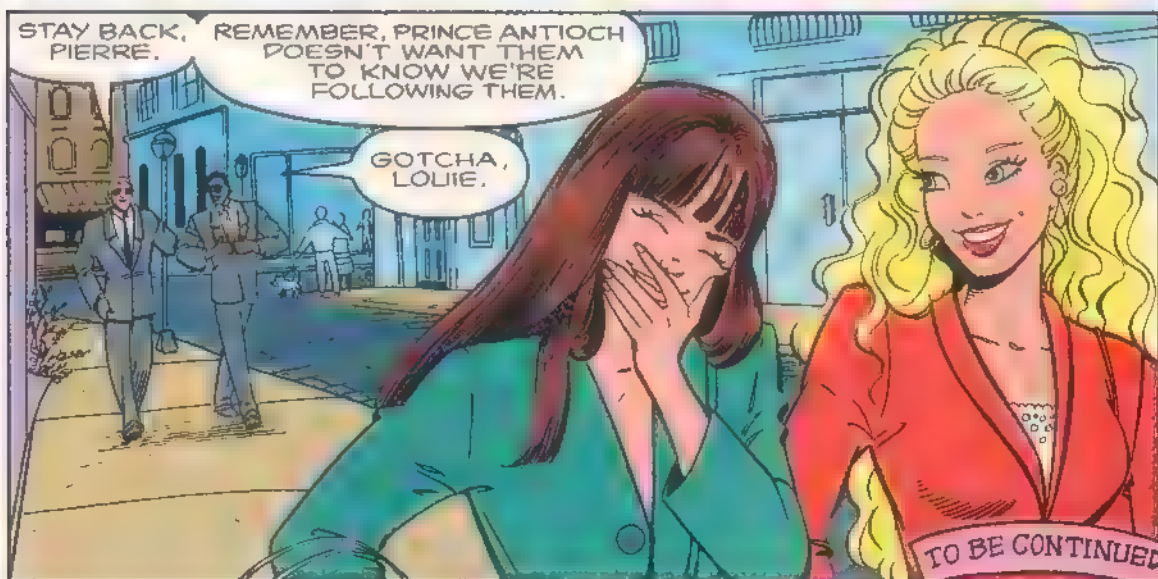
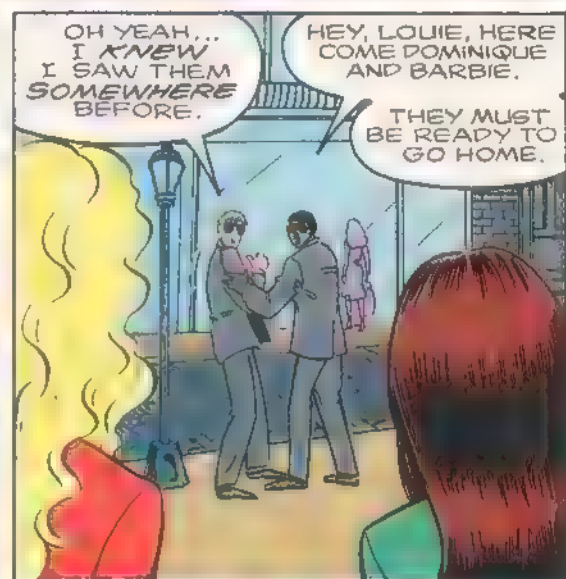
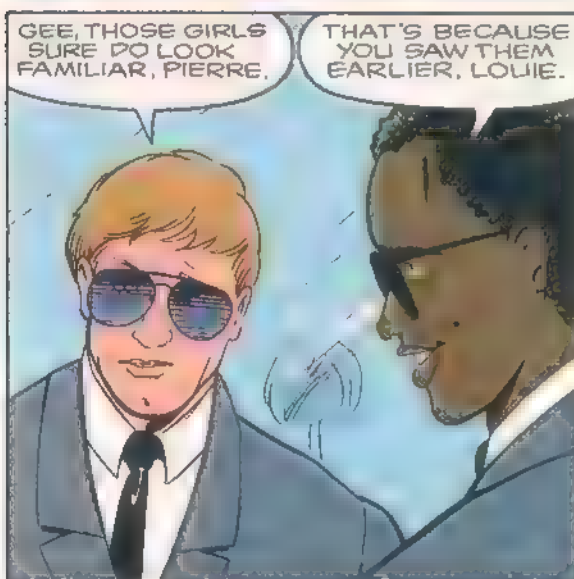
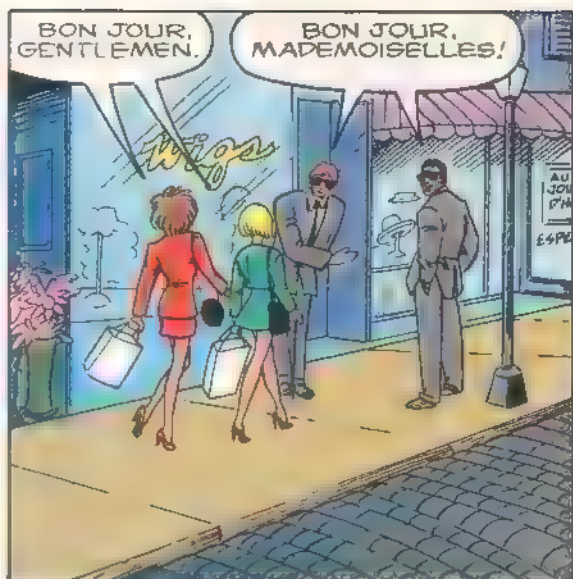
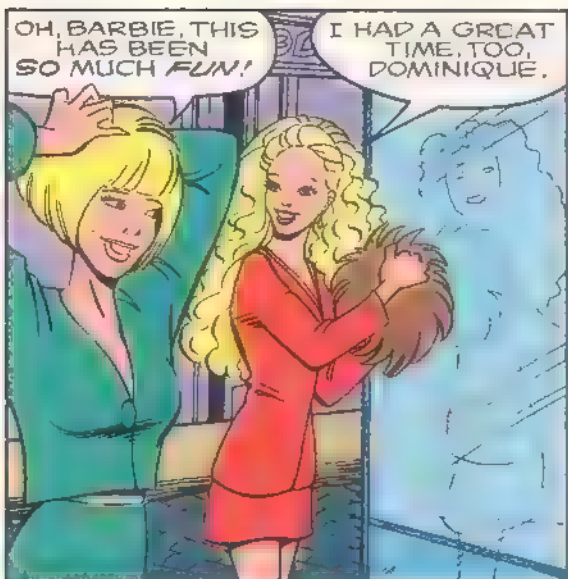
AND THAT BEAUTIFUL ROSE DRESS!



THIS SCARF WILL LOOK LOVELY ON YOU







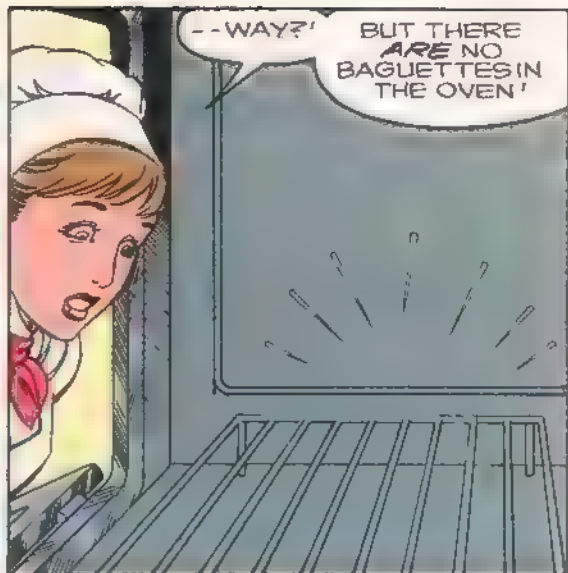




NOW TAKE THE BAGUETTES\* FROM THE OVEN.

OUI, MAESTRO! RIGHT A--

\*FRENCH BREAD...  
Hildy

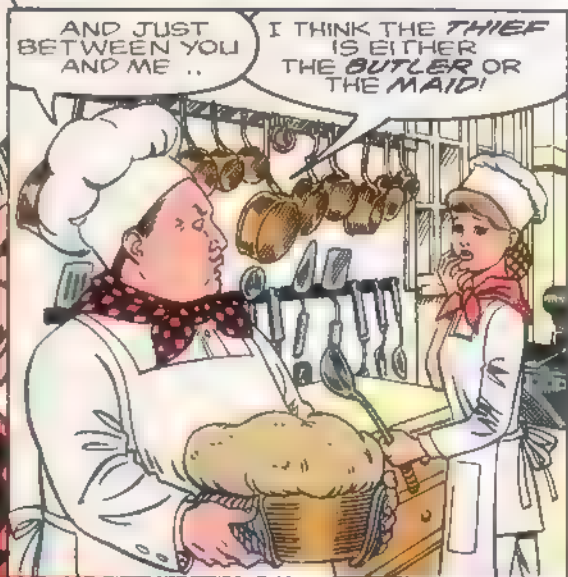


--WAY?!

BUT THERE **ARE** NO BAGUETTES IN THE OVEN!

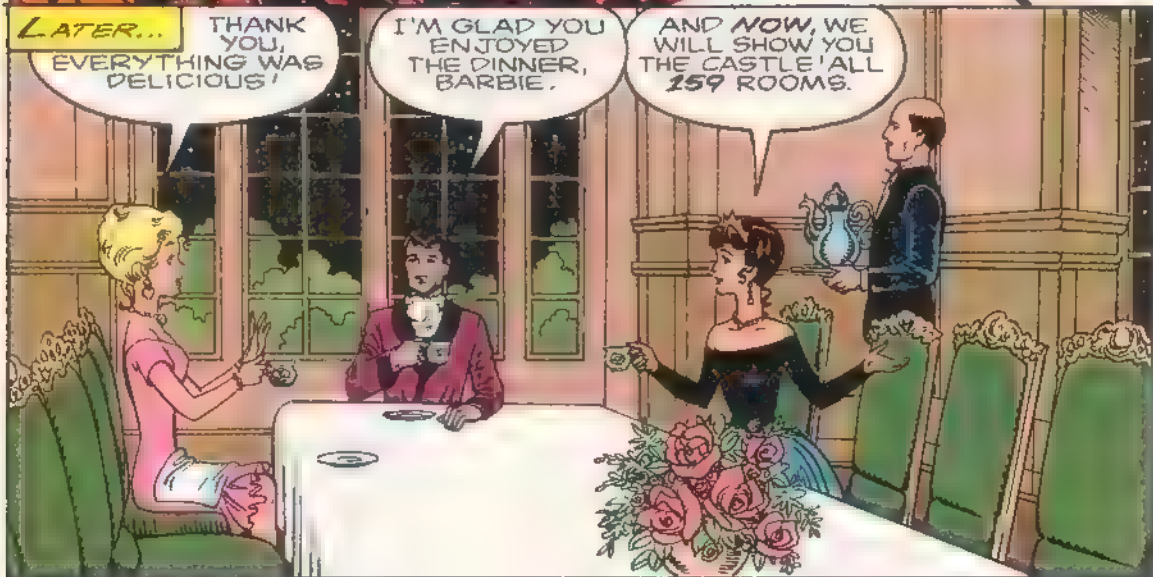


OH NO! NOT AGAIN! SOMEBODY HAS BEEN STEALING FOOD FROM MY KITCHEN!



AND JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME ..

I THINK THE **THIEF** IS EITHER THE **BUTLER** OR THE **MAID**!



LATER...

THANK YOU, EVERYTHING WAS DELICIOUS!

I'M GLAD YOU ENJOYED THE DINNER, BARBIE.

AND NOW, WE WILL SHOW YOU THE CASTLE! ALL 159 ROOMS.



AND SOON...

THIS ROOM IS  
DECORATED IN  
KING LOUIE XIV STYLE.  
THE CARPET IS  
AN **AUBUSSON\***  
CARPET. ONE PERSON  
COULD WEAVE JUST  
32 SQUARE FEET  
IN ONE YEAR!

MY GOODNESS!  
IT MUST HAVE  
TAKEN YEARS TO  
WEAVE  
**THIS** CARPET!

THIS CLOCK IS FROM  
LOUIE XVI. HE  
LOVED TO  
TINKER WITH  
LOCKS  
AND CLOCKS.

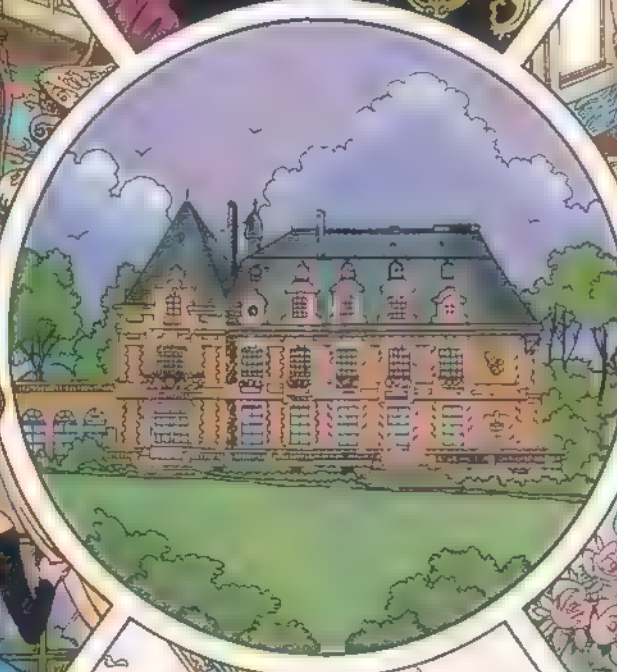
SPECIAL FURNITURE WAS MADE  
IN THE 18TH CENTURY LIKE  
THE **CHAISE LOUNGE...**

...AND THE  
**ÉCRITOIRE. \***

IT'S  
SOOOO  
COMFY!

\*MAJOR WEAVING CENTER  
THAT PRODUCED RUGS FOR  
THE KING. -- *Wedy*

\*SMALL DESK...  
*Wedy*



FROM THIS PART  
OF THE CASTLE,  
YOU MUST OPEN  
100 DOORS TO  
GET TO  
THE KITCHEN!

100 DOORS! THAT'S  
AMAZING!

OR YOU  
CAN TAKE A  
SHORT CUT  
THROUGH  
THE FORMAL  
GARDENS!

WHO IS THIS  
BEAUTIFUL  
PORTRAIT OF?

IT IS **MADAME MARTINE**  
SHE LIVED IN THIS CASTLE  
BEFORE ME

POOR DEAR  
VANISHED FROM  
SIGHT! NOBODY  
HAS SEEN  
HER SINCE!


AS YOU  
CAN SEE, IN  
THIS **ROCOCO \***  
STYLE OF LOUIS XV,  
THE WALLS ARE  
VERY DECORATIVE.  
OFTEN GILDED. \*\*

\*VERY ELABORATE  
FROM 18TH CENTURY.  
\*\* TO OVERLAY WITH  
THIN COATING  
OF GOLD. -- *Wedy*



HOW DO YOU BECOME A

## SUPER HERO?



GET BITTEN BY  
A RADIOACTIVE  
SPIDER!



OR  
JUST EAT




BE EXPOSED  
TO GAMMA  
RADIATION!

BE BORN  
A MUTANT!



HAVE AN  
ADAMANTIUM  
SKELETON!



BE  
BOMBARDED  
BY COSMIC  
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What's the best part of  
Peanut Butter Crunch's taste?



peanut  
butter

peanut  
butter



UT BUT  
UT BUT



I just  
love  
the  
taste  
of  
peanut  
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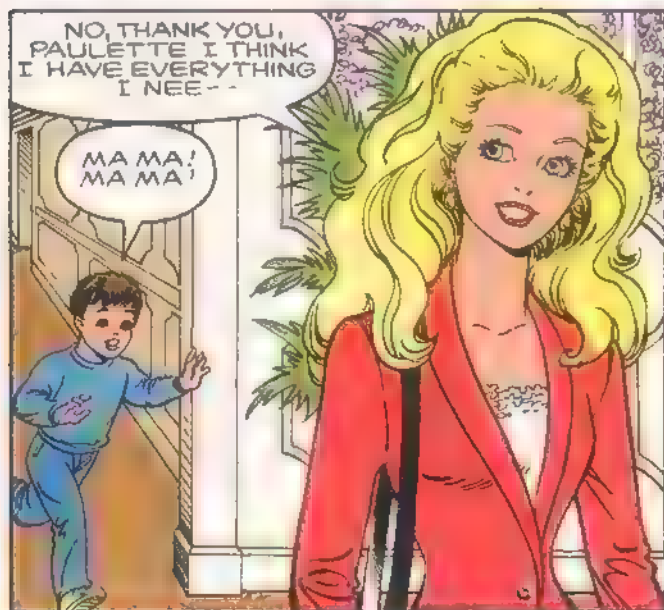
YOUR SUITE,  
MADEMOISELLE  
BARBIE.

IT'S LOVELY.

I TRUST YOU'LL  
BE COMFORTABLE.  
GOOD DAY.

THANK YOU  
GOOD DAY.

BON JOUR, MADEMOISELLE.  
I AM PAULETTE, THE MAID.  
HERE ARE YOUR FRESH TOWELS  
WILL THERE BE ANYTHING  
ELSE YOU WILL NEED?

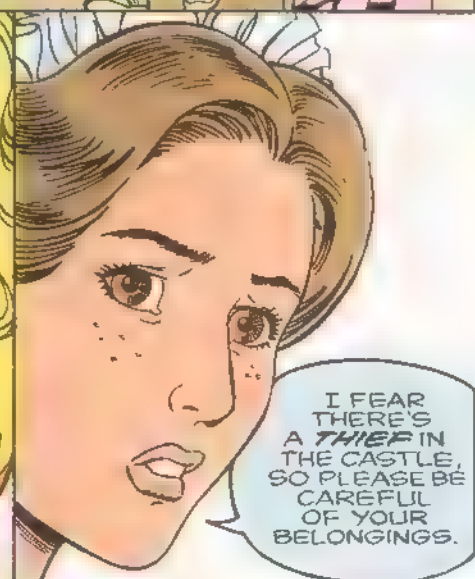
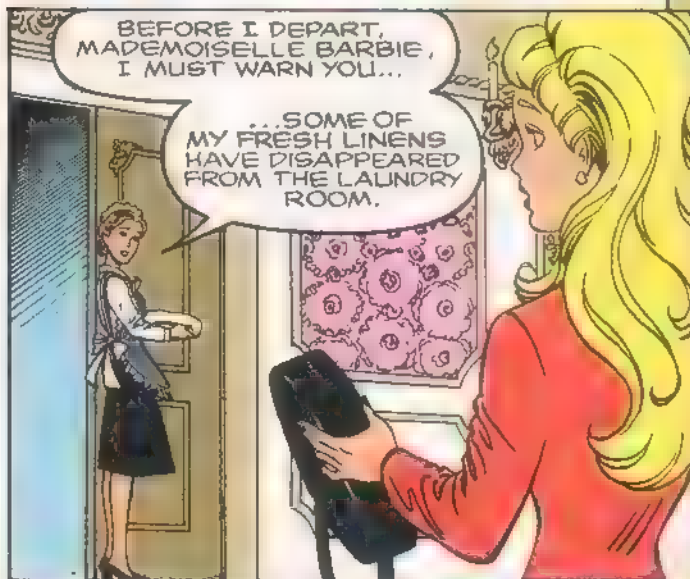
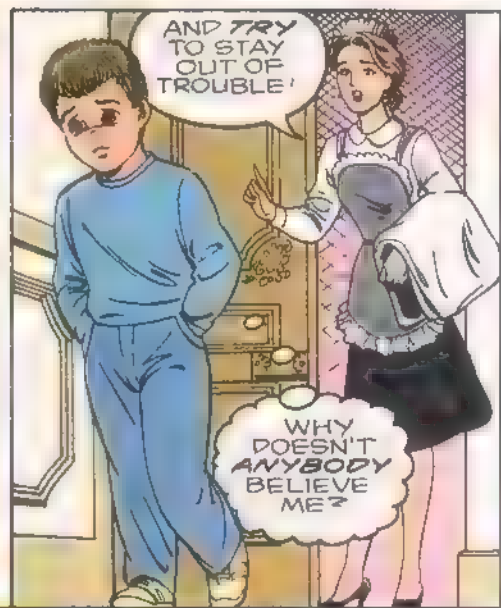
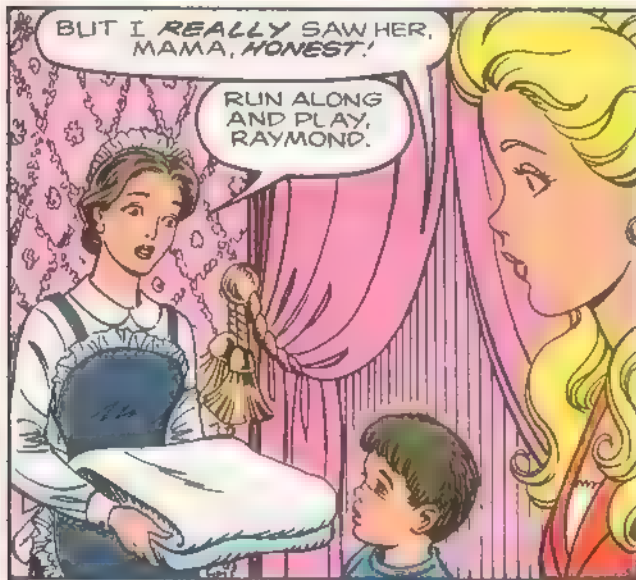
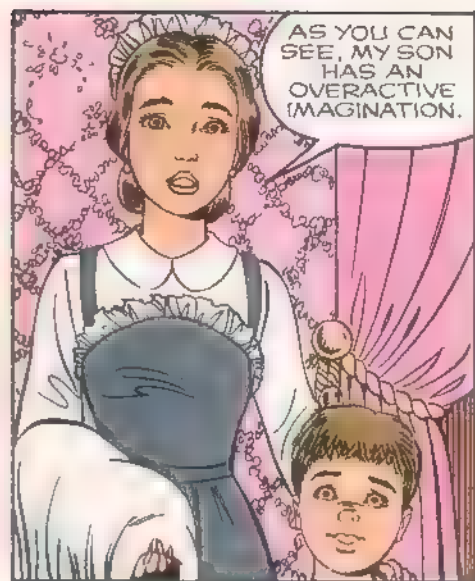
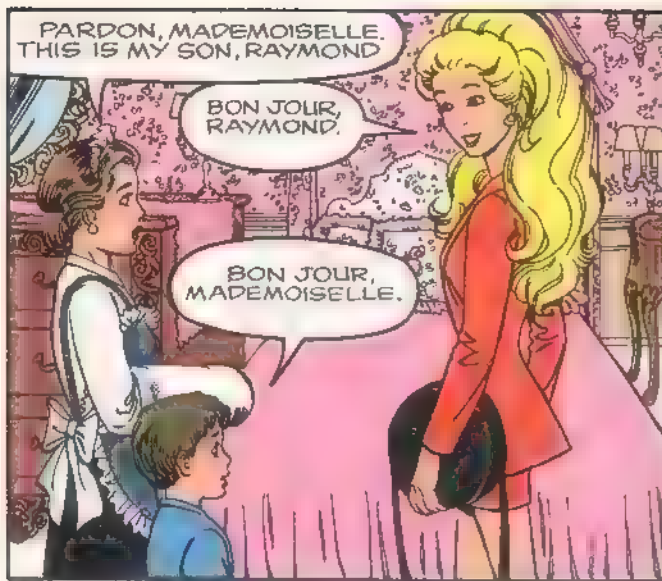


NO, THANK YOU,  
PAULETTE I THINK  
I HAVE EVERYTHING  
I NEED--

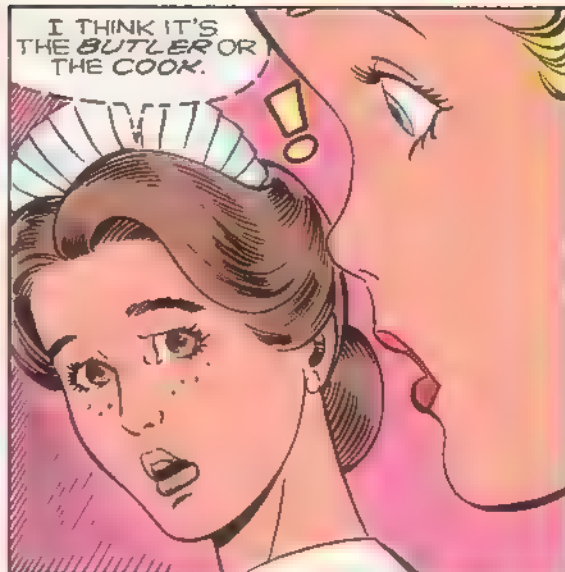
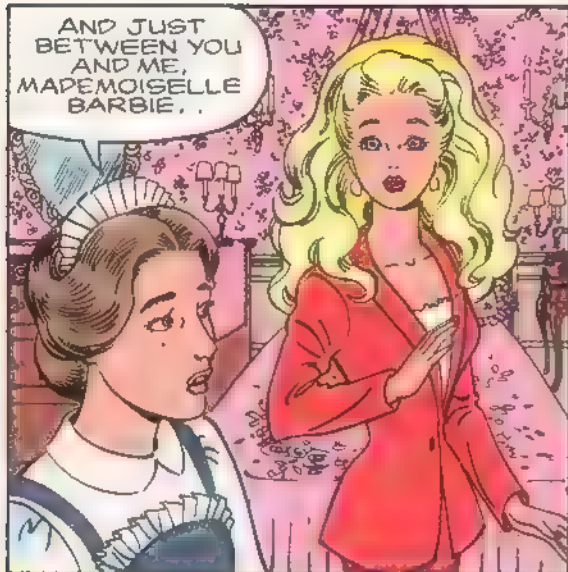
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MAMA!

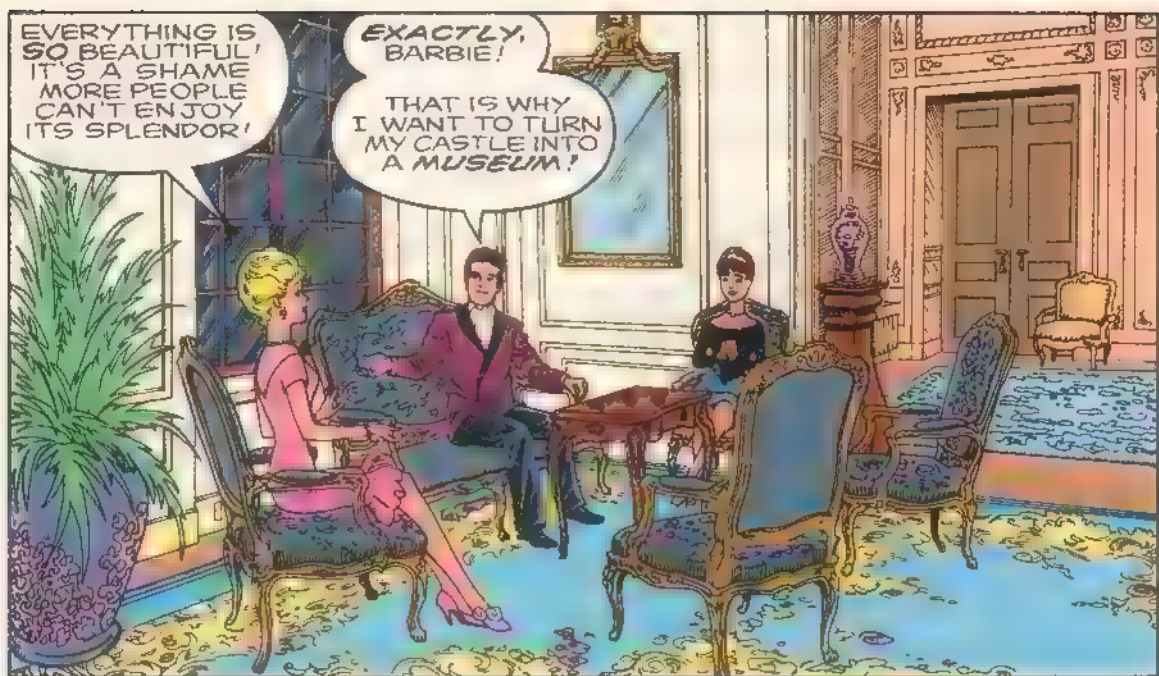


I SAW HER AGAIN!  
I SAW THE GHOST  
OF ANTIOCH!



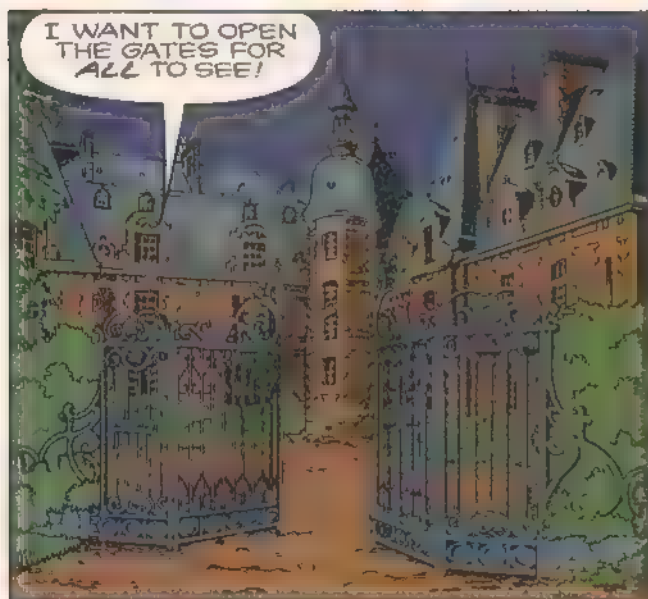




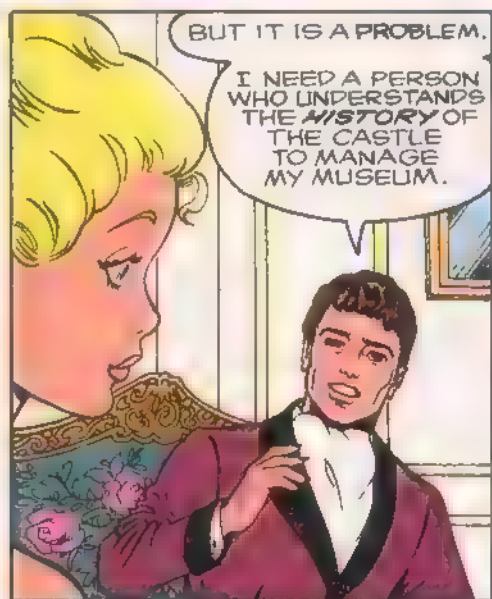


EVERYTHING IS SO BEAUTIFUL! IT'S A SHAME MORE PEOPLE CAN'T ENJOY ITS SPLENDOR!

EXACTLY, BARBIE!  
THAT IS WHY I WANT TO TURN MY CASTLE INTO A MUSEUM!

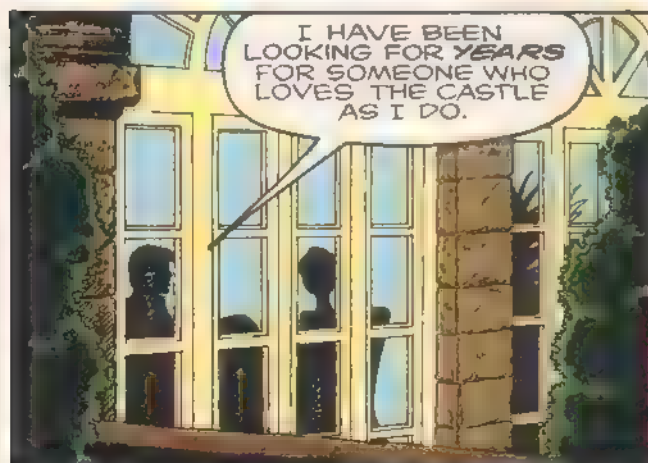


I WANT TO OPEN THE GATES FOR ALL TO SEE!

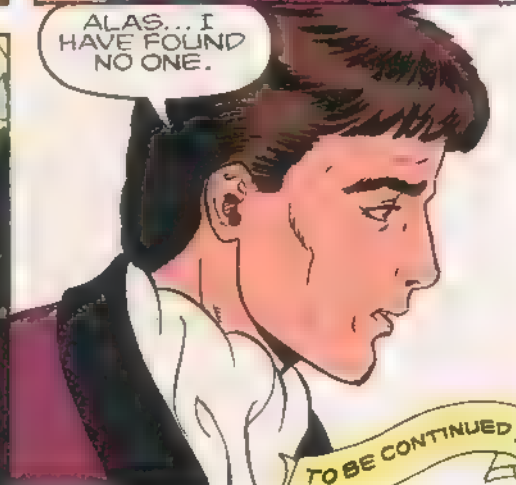


BUT IT IS A PROBLEM.

I NEED A PERSON WHO UNDERSTANDS THE HISTORY OF THE CASTLE TO MANAGE MY MUSEUM.



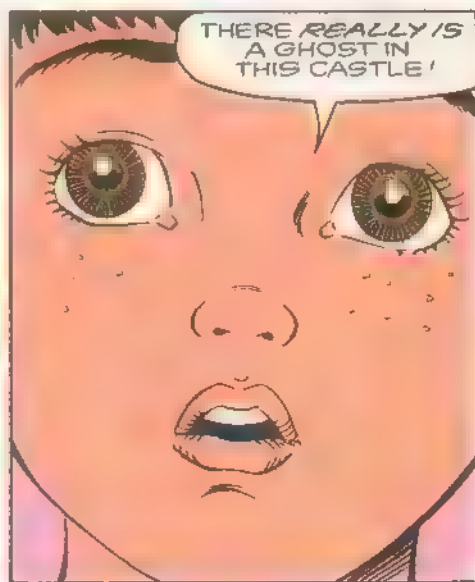
I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YEARS FOR SOMEONE WHO LOVES THE CASTLE AS I DO.

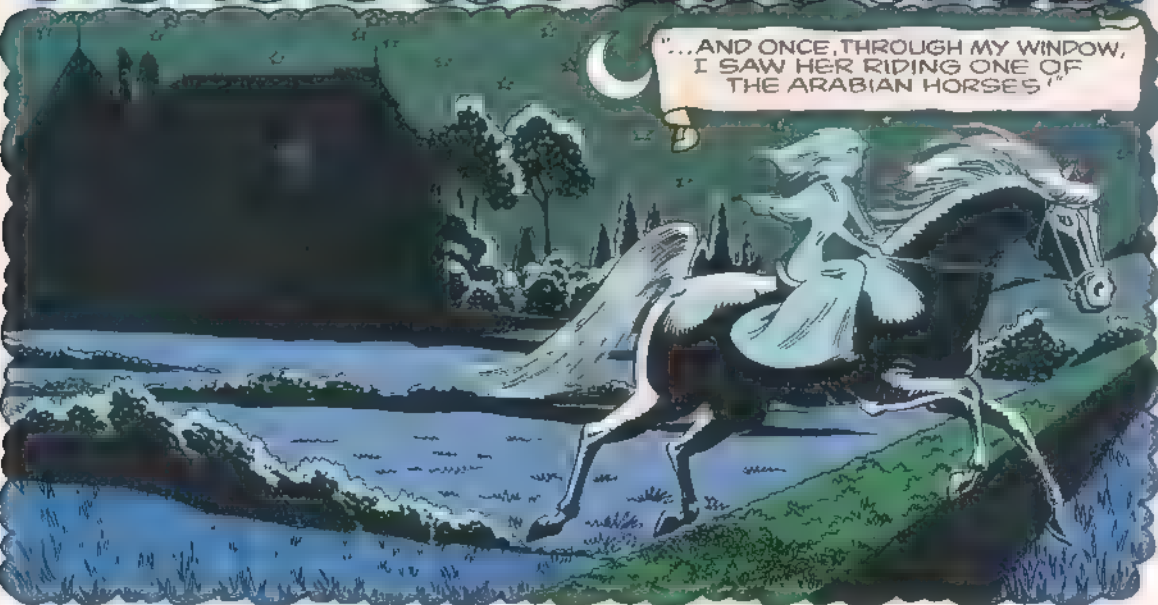
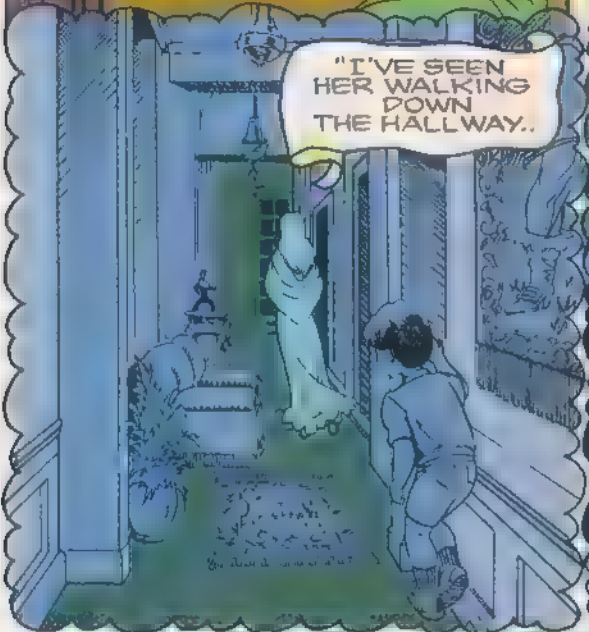
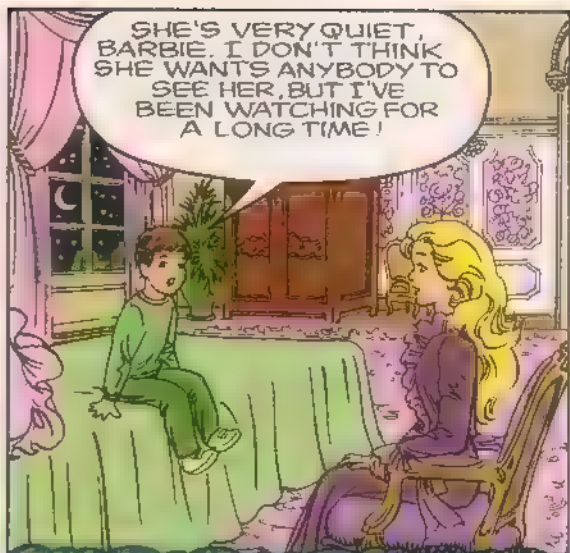
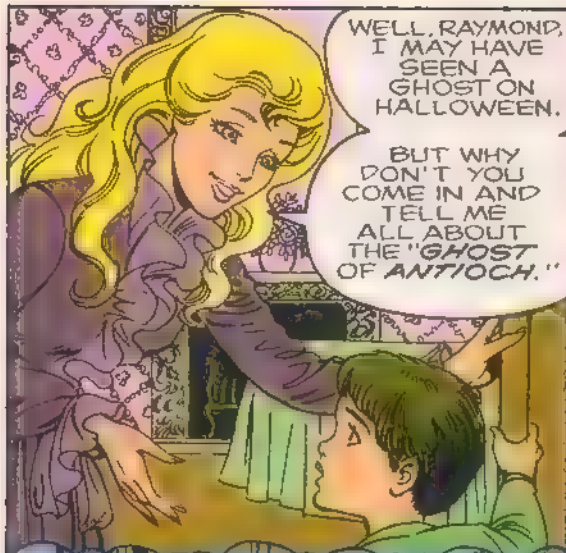


ALAS... I HAVE FOUND NO ONE.

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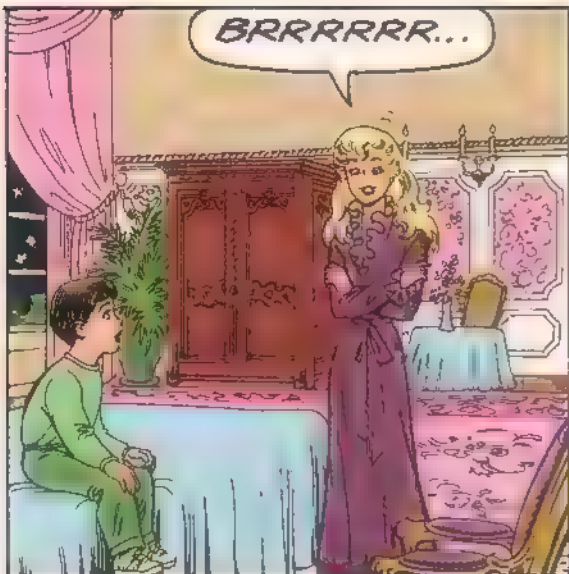








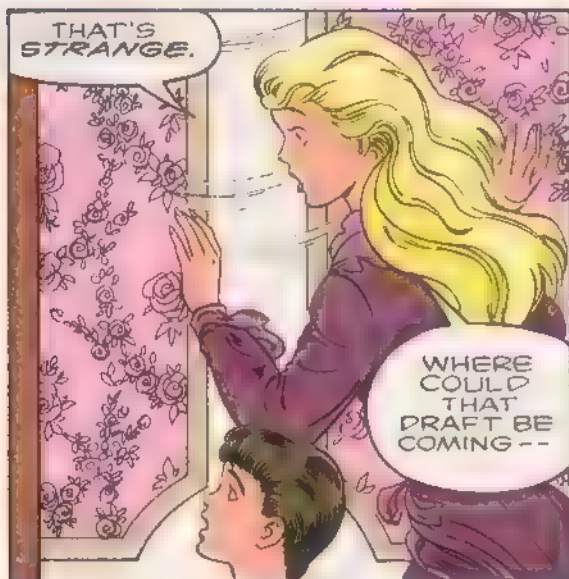
BRRRRRR...



... ALL THIS TALK ABOUT A GHOST IS GIVING ME THE CHILLS.



THAT'S STRANGE.



--FROM?

A SECRET DOOR! WOW!

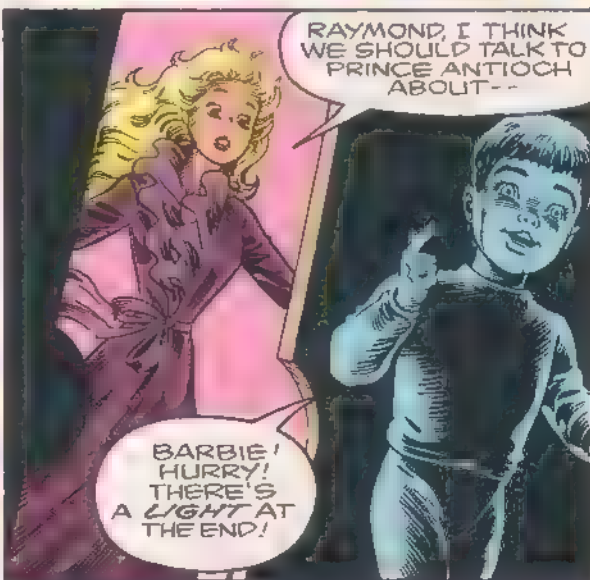


COME ON, BARBIE! IT'S A TUNNEL!



RAYMOND, I THINK WE SHOULD TALK TO PRINCE ANTIOCH ABOUT--

BARBIE! HURRY! THERE'S A LIGHT AT THE END!



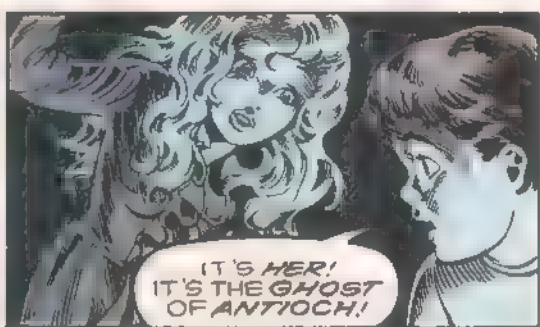


I'M REALLY NOT SURE THIS IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA, RAY--

WE'RE ALMOST THERE, BARBIE.



OMIGOSH!

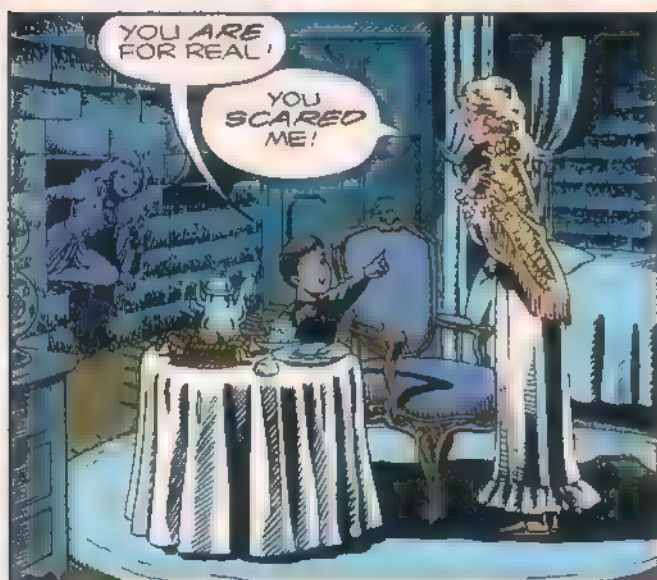
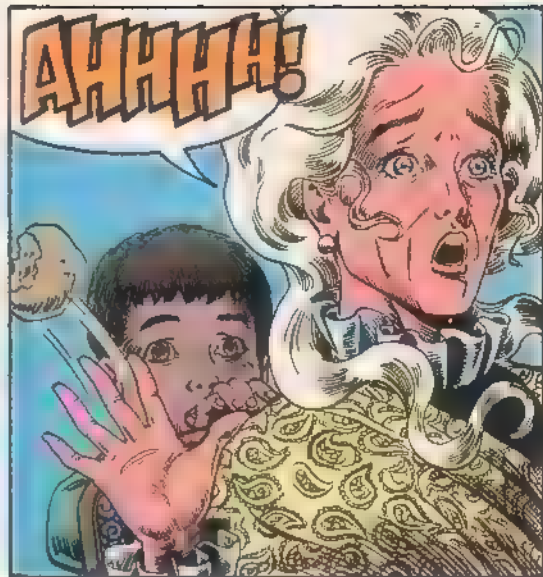


IT'S HER!  
IT'S THE GHOST OF ANTIOCH!



RAYMOND!





IT'S ONE THING TO  
**SEE** A GHOST,  
IT'S ANOTHER TO  
**TALK** TO ONE.

IT WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
OUR SECRET.  
NOBODY  
BELIEVES ME  
ANYWAY,  
MADAME  
MARTINE  
I AM ONLY  
A BOY.

PARDON, MADAME MARTINE  
I AM BARBIE

I HAVE ADMIRER  
YOUR PORTRAIT.

PLEASE  
DON'T TELL  
THE PRINCE  
I AM HERE.

BUT WHY ARE YOU LIVING IN  
THIS SECRET ROOM?

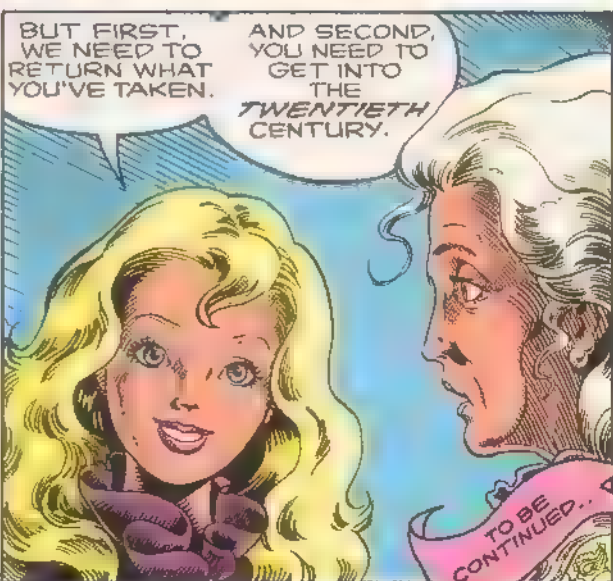
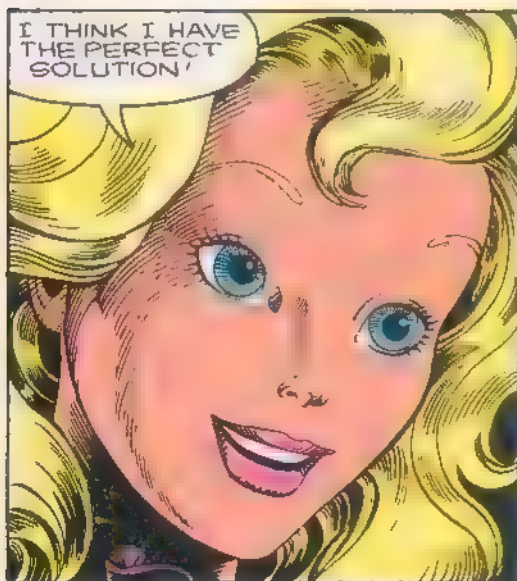
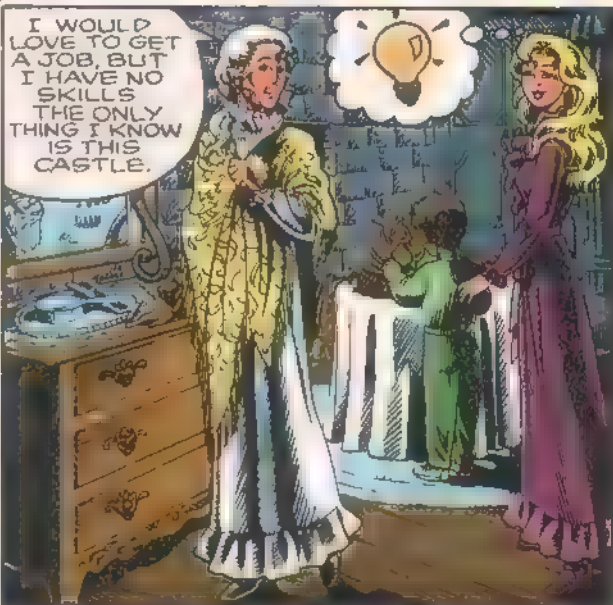
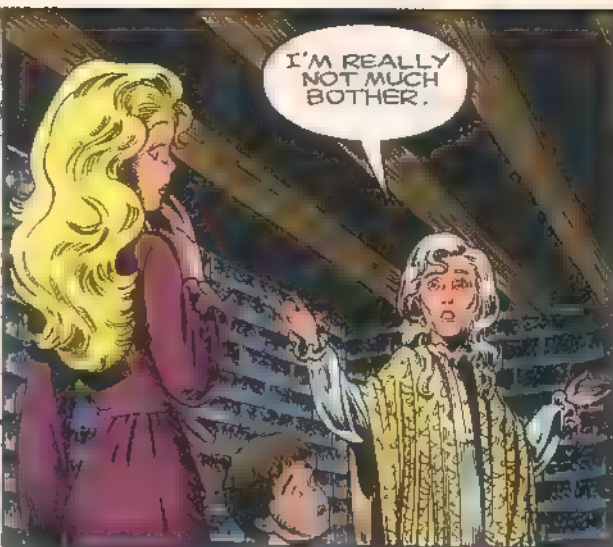
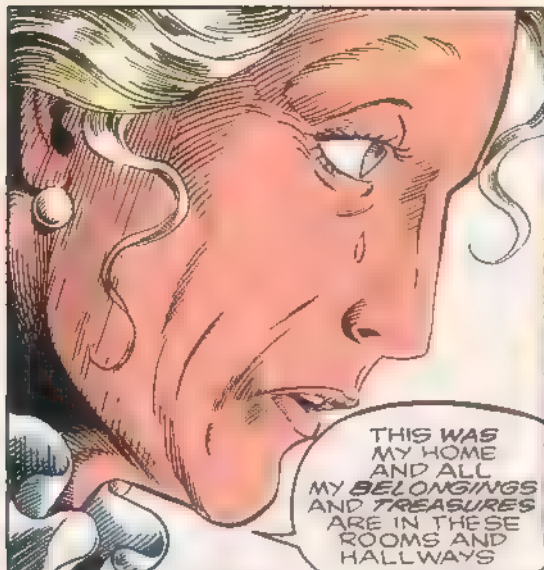
THIS CASTLE HAS  
BEEN MY HOME  
EVER SINCE I  
WAS A LITTLE  
GIRL, BARBIE.

WHEN I GREW OLDER  
AND COULD NO LONGER  
CARE FOR SUCH  
A GRAND CASTLE...

I SOLD  
IT AND ALL  
MY BELONGINGS  
TO PRINCE  
ANTIOCH

BUT WHEN  
IT CAME  
TIME FOR  
ME TO LEAVE  
I COULD  
NOT GO!





PT5 MANSION MYSTERY  
WEDDING PRESENCE

THE NEXT DAY

OH MY! THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO TO PREPARE FOR THE WEDDING!

MORE FLOWERS!  
MORE VASES  
MORE--

--LINENS?!

AND I THOUGHT THE BUTLER OR COOK STOLE THEM!

AND NOW FOR THE  
PIECCE DE RESISTANCE!

PARDON,  
MAESTRO!

I FOUND  
THE BAGUETTES  
IN THE PANTRY!

I GUESS THEY  
WEREN'T STOLEN  
AFTER ALL!

!?

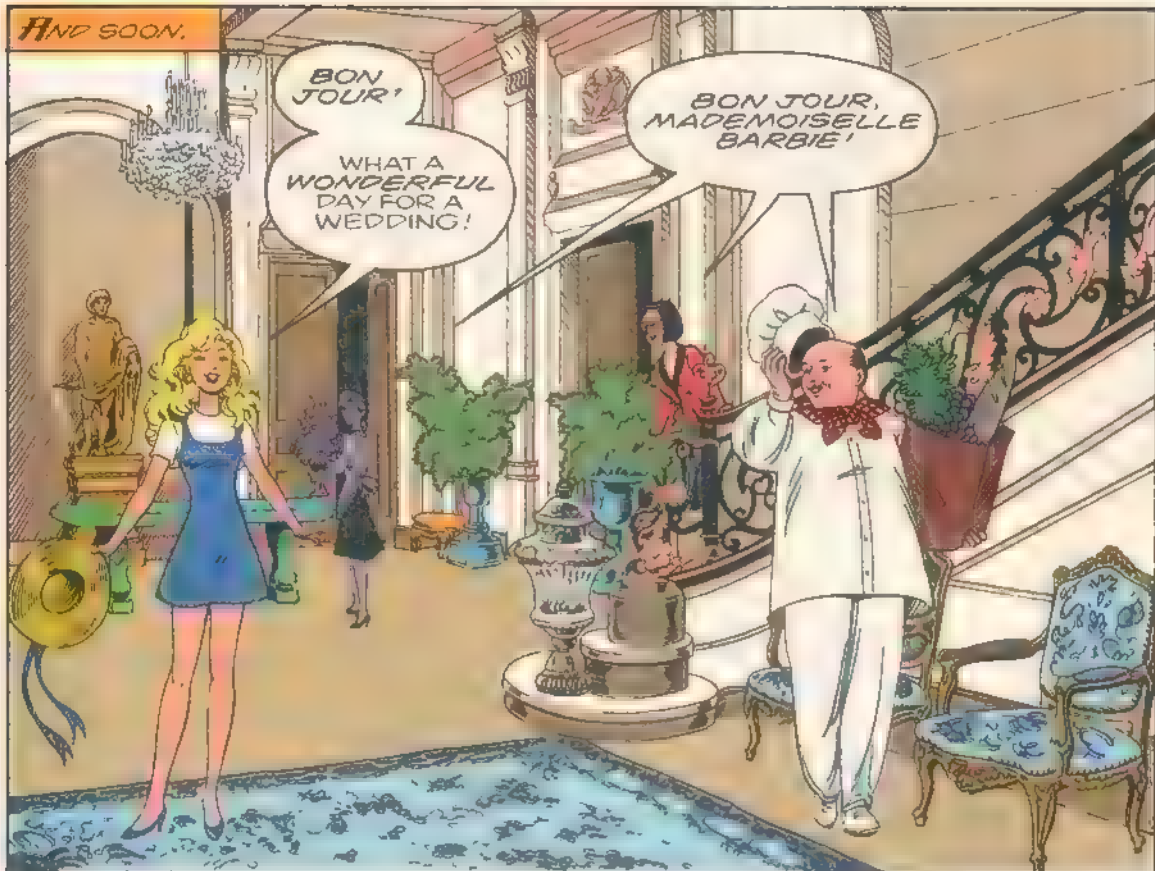
THIS PLACE SETTING  
IS PERFECT FOR  
THE WEDDING!

BUT...IT'S ALL HERE!  
THAT'S STRANGE. I THOUGHT  
THE COOK OR MAID  
STOLE A SETTING.

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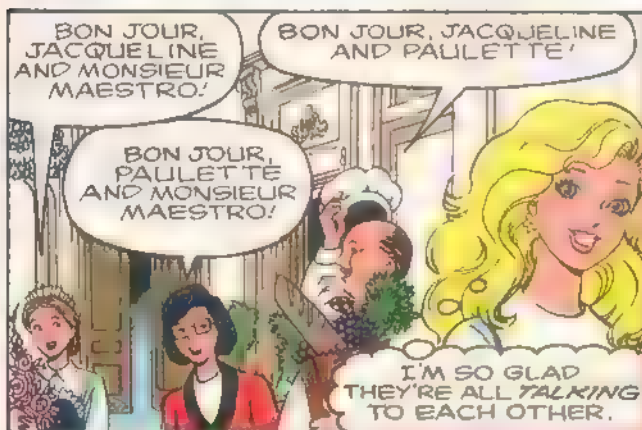
AND SOON.



BON JOUR!

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY FOR A WEDDING!

BON JOUR, MADEMOISELLE BARBIE!

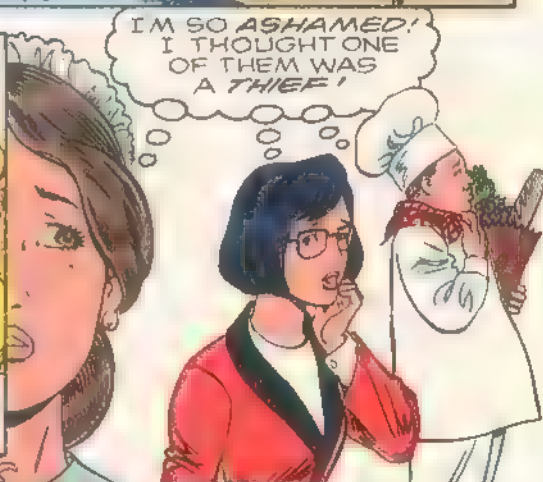


BON JOUR, JACQUELINE AND MONSIEUR MAESTRO!

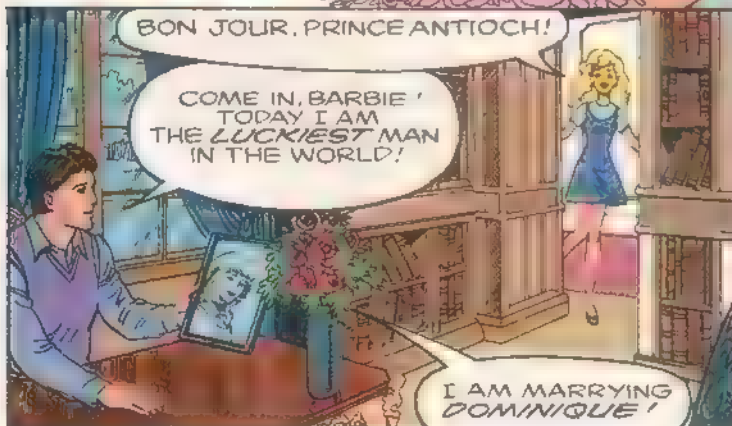
BON JOUR, JACQUELINE AND PAULETTE!

BON JOUR, PAULETTE AND MONSIEUR MAESTRO!

I'M SO GLAD THEY'RE ALL TALKING TO EACH OTHER.



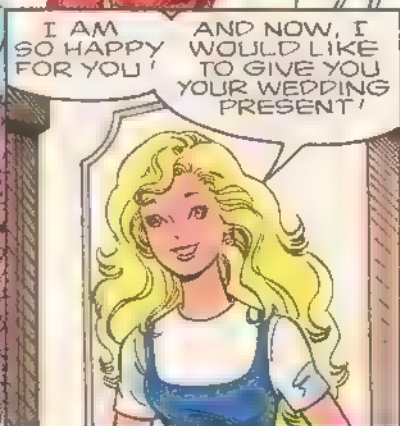
I'M SO ASHAMED! I THOUGHT ONE OF THEM WAS A THIEF!



BON JOUR, PRINCE ANTIOCH!

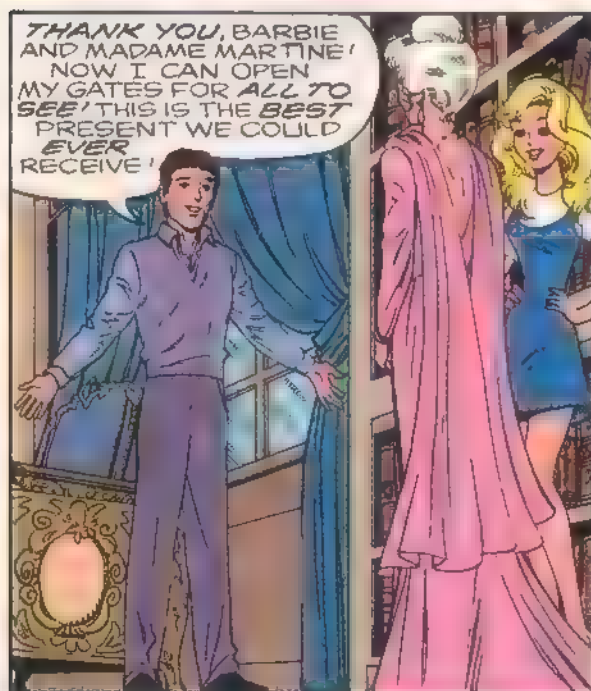
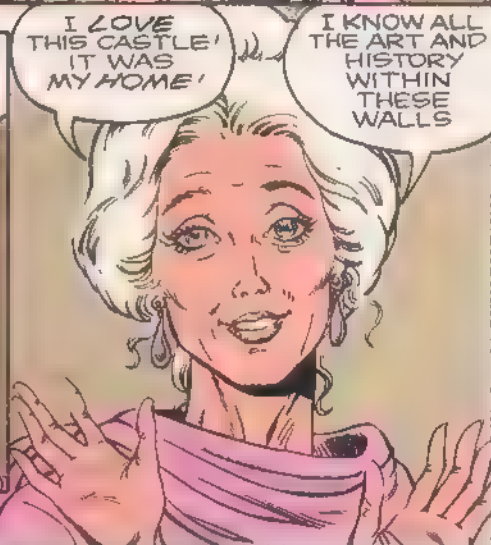
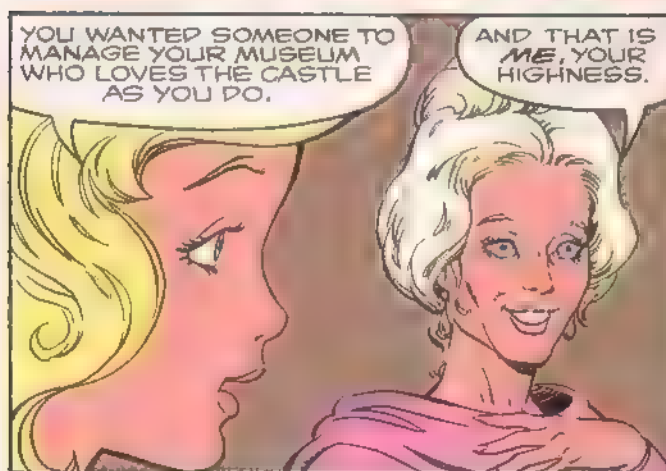
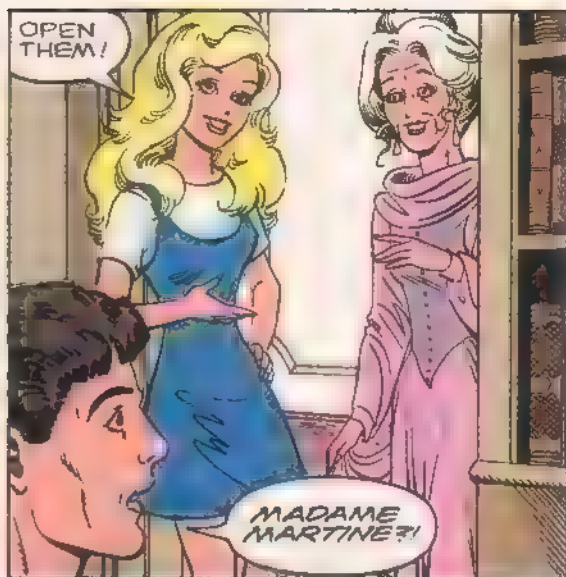
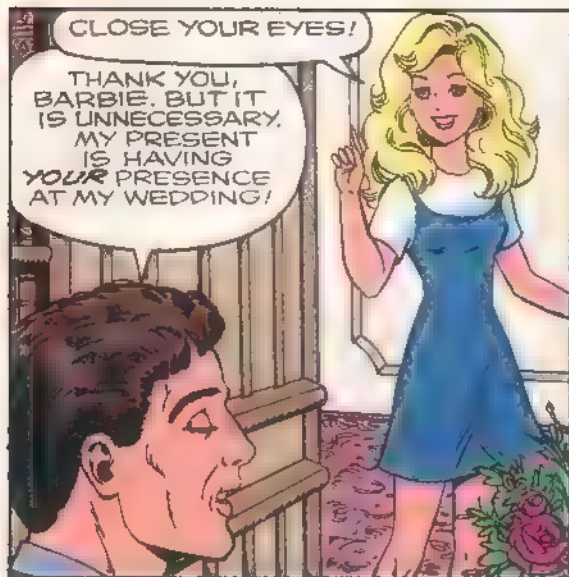
COME IN, BARBIE! TODAY I AM THE LUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD!

I AM MARRYING DOMINIQUE!

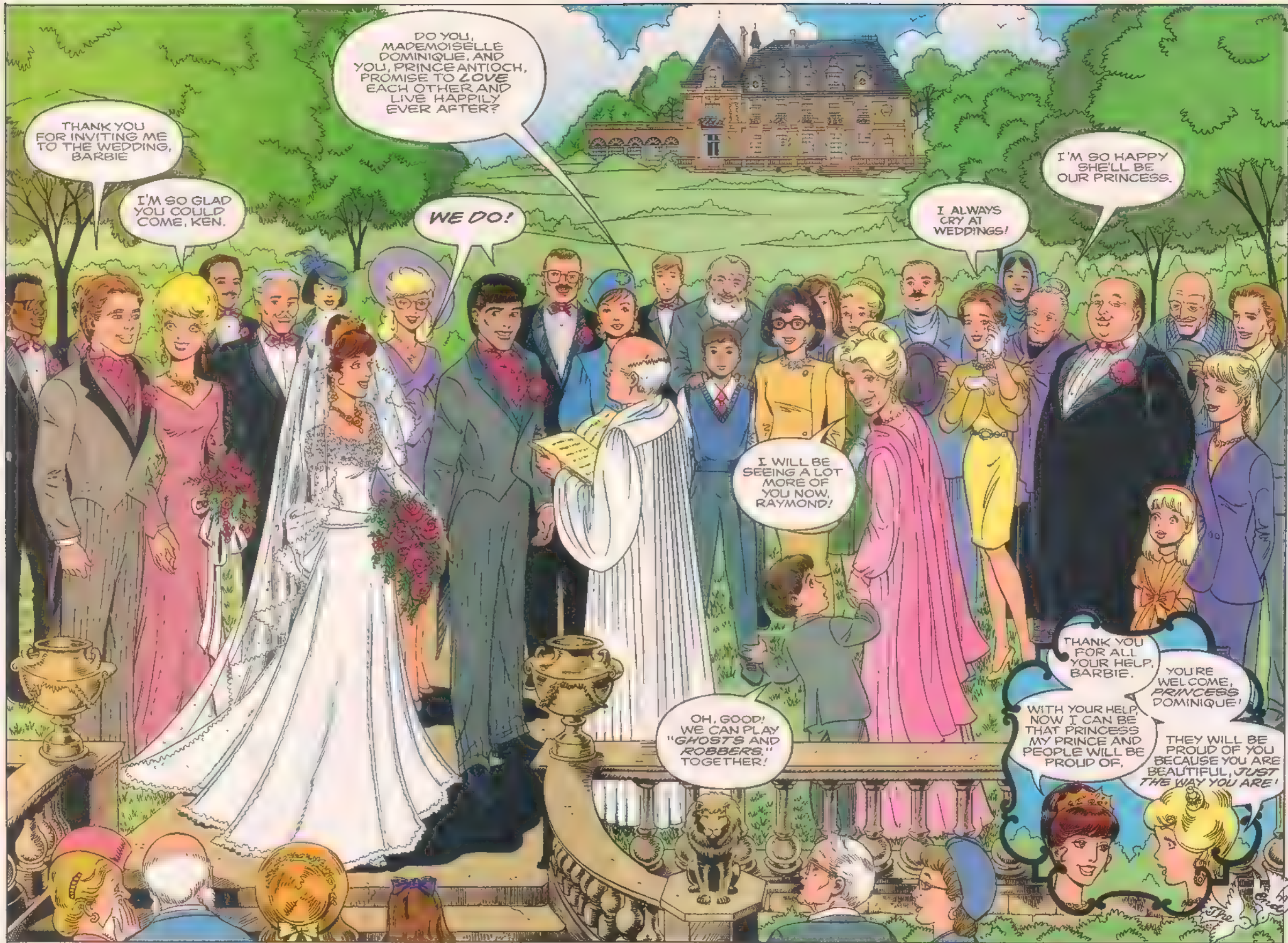


I AM SO HAPPY FOR YOU!

AND NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU YOUR WEDDING PRESENT!







THANK YOU  
FOR INVITING ME  
TO THE WEDDING,  
BARBIE

I'M SO GLAD  
YOU COULD  
COME, KEN.

DO YOU,  
MADEMOISELLE  
DOMINIQUE, AND  
YOU, PRINCE ANTIOCH,  
PROMISE TO LOVE  
EACH OTHER AND  
LIVE HAPPILY  
EVER AFTER?

WE DO!

I'M SO HAPPY  
SHE'LL BE  
OUR PRINCESS.

I ALWAYS  
CRY AT  
WEDDINGS!

I WILL BE  
SEEING A LOT  
MORE OF  
YOU NOW,  
RAYMOND!

THANK YOU  
FOR ALL  
YOUR HELP,  
BARBIE.

YOU'RE  
WELCOME,  
PRINCESS  
DOMINIQUE!

WITH YOUR HELP,  
NOW I CAN BE  
THAT PRINCESS  
MY PRINCE AND  
PEOPLE WILL BE  
PROUD OF,

THEY WILL BE  
PROUD OF YOU  
BECAUSE YOU ARE  
BEAUTIFUL, JUST  
THE WAY YOU ARE!

OH, GOOD!  
WE CAN PLAY  
"GHOSTS AND  
ROBBERS,"  
TOGETHER!



# Barbie

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Hey, kids — since we print your name, age, city and state, please include them on your letters

Dear **BARBIE**

Hello! My name is Tereso Albert. I bought my **BARBIE** and **BARBIE FASHION** comics at the ABC Food Market in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. Could you send more of your fantastic comics there? Thank you.

Teresa Albert, age 11  
Kingsley, PA

We're so glad you like the comics, Tereso! But here at Marvel, we only make the comics, we don't sell them! If your local market or comics shop runs out of **BARBIE** or **BARBIE FASHION** comics, let the store manager know you're a big fan and ask if he or she can order more. But the best way to guarantee you don't miss another issue, is to subscribe! Subscribers receive their comics every month, right at their doorstep! Simply fill out the subscription form in the back of this very issue and mail it in. Be sure to check with a parent or an adult first. Thanks for writing and good luck!

Dear **BARBIE**

My name is Elizabeth, and I live in Michigan. I just wanted to write to say how much I like Barbies, and how much I love your comics. I've got lots of Barbie stuff. I'm your number one fan!

Elizabeth Sarah Bommarito, age 10  
Allen Park, MI

Thanks so much for writing, Elizabeth! It's always nice to hear that you're enjoying **BARBIE** and **BARBIE FASHION**!

Dear **BARBIE**

My name is Jessica. I like your comics even though I just have two of them.

I have lots of Barbie dolls at my house. I have two Barbie dolls that my mom gave me. My mom played with Barbie dolls when she was a little girl. She likes Barbie, too!

Jessica Aguirre, age 8  
El Paso, TX

That's one of the things that's so special about Barbie, Jessica! Mothers and daughters can both be Barbie fans! She's a doll for all ages!

Dear **Barbie**

This may be the first letter to your comics from a guy. I've been buying **BARBIE** and **BARBIE FASHION** for my niece for a few years now. I usually read them myself. The artwork is wonderful and the stories are nice. Barbie is a great role model for kids — and maybe adults, too.

Your stories touch me deep down inside where I think I've locked my childhood safely away. I wish they didn't, and I'm glad they do. I wish these comics had been around when I was a kid. They might have made a big difference in my life.

Anyway, I just wanted to say thanks. Keep up the good work.

Deva  
British Columbia, Canada

Actually, yours was not the first letter from a guy, Deva! We get letters from many different types of fans, and that includes guys! Thanks for writing and touching us with the kind words for **BARBIE** and **BARBIE FASHION** comics. As long as we have readers like you, you can be sure we'll keep up the good work!

Dear **BARBIE**

Hi. When I grow up I would like to be a writer, a musician, or an astronaut. I think I have a good shot at getting the perfect job for me. Sometimes, when I finish practicing my viola, I reach for one of your comics to get the feeling back in my arms!

I have quite a lot of comics from many comic companies, but for some reason, I only read yours! Why? Your comics are extraordinary and eloquent! They are fun and delightful to read! I really enjoy your comics and I'm happy that I have something to reach for after practicing my festival music.

Laurie Vazquez, age 11  
Holbrook, NY

Thanks for all the compliments, Laurie! You sound as if you are very committed to reaching your goals! And, as you already know, practice makes perfect!

Dear **BARBIE**

My name is Heather and I love reading **BARBIE FASHION**. I hope to become a fashion designer when I get to college. The way I chose to be a fashion designer was by seeing the new looks for Barbie right next to the letters page! I thought it was cool to make up your own clothes! Do you have any suggestions for a college where there is a good program in fashion design?

Heather Mihalek, age 10  
Cleveland, OH

There are many excellent schools to study fashion design, Heather! You can begin your research on fashion institutes at your local library, and by talking with a parent or adult about your goals. When you are in high school, your guidance counselor can help you.

In the meantime, we hope you'll be sending in some of your original designs to the address at the top of this page, and enjoying the few we have room to print every month!

Dear **Barbie**

My name is Jennifer and I am 11 years old. My mom and I are big fans of yours! We read all of your **BARBIE** and **BARBIE FASHION** comic books. I like your comics because unlike

other comic books, there is no violence, the women are fully dressed, and the drawings are pretty colorful and realistic.

Jennifer Rodriguez, age 11  
Lake Elsinore, CA

It's wonderful to hear that Barbie has fans of all ages, Jennifer! We're glad you and your mom share such a great experience each month. We hope you enjoyed the *tres beaux* colors of Paris in this very issue! Thanks to our colorist/correspondence editor, Sarra Mossoff!



## BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

This is the time of year when we all look forward to celebrating the holidays! But some of our **BARBIE** and **BARBIE FASHION** readers will be celebrating more than the holidays — their birthdays! The birthdays this month are

- 12/1 Kaite Anderson, 9, Clifton, NJ
- 12/17 Heather Anna Lee Norman, 9, New Braunfels, TX
- 12/19 Tasia Lee, 7, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 12/19 Josephine Gonzalez, 12, Richmond Hill, NY
- 12/19 Michelle Lenhart, 7, Bloomsburg, PA
- 12/21 Kimberly Hamilton, 11, Wilmington, NC
- 12/22 Christine Kaymen, 13, Australia
- 12/23 Tiffany Hanselman, 11, Hoosick Falls, NY
- 12/24 Sara Junya, 9, Byron, IL
- 12/25 Kate Stenson, 10, Cleveland Heights, OH
- 12/25 Sara Jones, 7, Punta Gorda, FL
- 12/26 Liza Silbey, 9, Miami, FL
- 12/28 Tonini Peterside, 8, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria
- 12/29 Lindsey Brooke Deekard, 10, Lafayette, TN
- 12/31 Rachael Mesnik, 2, Naples, FL

And a very special happy birthday on 12/28 to Rolf Macchio, Barbie's favorite daredevil!

Happy birthday to these and all the **BARBIE** and **BARBIE FASHION** readers celebrating their special day this month!

If you would like to see your birthday here send your name, age, address and birthday to the address at the top of this page. Be sure to send it in six months ahead of time!



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# GLOP! SQUISH! SPLAT!



## the Pagemaster



Escape from danger  
with sticky hands!



Fight fire-breathing  
dragon!



Swing a sword to defeat  
pirates!





GIMME A BREAK • GIMME A BREAK • BREAK ME OFF A PIECE OF THAT KIT KAT BAR.

#1: Hammer



#2: Karate



HOW TO



BREAK IT



#3: Steamroller



#4: You